

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2019-Approved 06/27/19

Present: Jane Williams, Robyn Payson, Doug Hatfield, Laura Buono, Dana Brien, Bob Hassett

Meeting opened at 9:05

Ms. Williams gave thanks and congratulations to Robyn Payson and the schools for the success of the PlanNH Charrette. Ms. Williams asked what the reaction had been to the results of the Charrette, Ms. Payson reported that there has been enthusiastic excitement for moving forward on the recommendations.

Ms. Buono reported on attending the Main Street Academy and the many ideas, energy and momentum experienced as part of it. Ms. Buono suggested she may advise the Board of Selectmen to take a closer look at the Property Maintenance Code in order to “Dress for Success.”

There was discussion of many ideas for moving forward including:

Art Show at the Stone Arch Bridge at Antrim Road (meet with the Tire Warehouse owner for an MOU for parking and allow DECA to design the show),and encouraging high school students and community service hours to spruce up properties on the public way.

Mr. Hatfield stressed the need to change the perceptions and emphasized that the image we project will become reality.

Ms. Payson informed the committee that she will be working to publicize the 79-E districts and 7281 campaign. She has a meeting with Steve Neno with the Cooperative extension to discuss planning for the next steps.

Ms. Payson also has been re-examining the “Apollo 13” strategy outlined in the Charrette results. Pop-ups, maker Spaces, launch of Kemp Park, Gallery spaces, use of the river – emphasize we are now a “River Town.”

Ms. Buono asked what the EDC’s roll will be and consensus seemed to be to keep working to grow the economy. Ms. Williams suggested that, particularly among the banks in town, more investment in attracting future development needs to be done by existing businesses.

Ms. Payson and Ms. Buono reported no changes to the status on Woods Woolen Mills and Walmart.

10:07 Ms. Williams closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brien