

## **EDC Meeting Minutes 11/18/2021**

**Chairman:** Bob Nash

**Commission Members:** Sam Ivanov, Riche' Colcombe, Sara Edie

**Town Administrator:** Laura Buono

**Planning Director:** Robyn Payson

**Supt of Schools:** Patricia Parenteau

**Excused:** Laura Buono

**Selectman:** Meleny Nagy

**Members of the Public:** Keith Cobbett

**Guest:** Susanne White, Kim Opperman

## **Meeting Minutes: 11/18/2021**

Sam Ivanov made a motion to accept 10/28/21 meeting minutes, Robyn Payson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Kim Opperman**

Bob Nash introduced Kim Opperman who recently purchased Rumrill Building & building on corner of School & Main. Kim advised that he is recently sold his Connecticut real estate and is investing in Hillsborough. Kim advised that his background is in the construction aspect and he is in the process of evaluating the needs of these buildings. Kim now owns many units in town and is interested in working with the EDC and Chamber of Commerce. Kim expressed that he hopes the downtown area will be revitalized.

### **The Gateway Zone Project**

Robyn Payson explained the gateway zone project is an attractive development in the gateway to town. The area would be residential and commercial. Area would be coming into town on Route 9 and ending at Marina Road. Robyn confirmed this was discussed as a high priority within the master plan. Sam Ivanov inquired if it has been considered if the project would hurt town center. Robyn advised that it is designed to be at the gateway to the town which would drive people to our town center. Robyn confirmed that there is not a developer on board yet and there would still need to be discussions with land owners. Sara Edie inquired on potential timeline of Project. Robyn advised they hope to include in town meeting in 2023.

**ARPA funds** – Bob Nash inquired about the restrictions placed on the funds. Meleny Nagy advised the funds are designated to ease the effects of Corona Virus. Meleny advised that the Board of Selectman have elected to wait to decide on the use of funds until the town vote to elect 2 of 3 the Selectman. Discussed the use of funds for infrastructure. Discussed the cell tower is being worked on in the planning board. Current status of cell tower proposal is in peer review status.

### **Hometown Grant**

No known updates from Zander concerning the 2 & 8 Bridge, will await update from Laura Buono. Continue to plan for March 31<sup>st</sup> submission of proposal.

### **Meeting Schedule**

Discussed meeting schedule and agreed to cancel meeting in December, though will move next meeting up to 1/6 at 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.