

EDC Meeting Minutes 07/19/2023

Approved: 8/16/23

9:00 am to 10:17 am

Chairperson: Robyn Payson, Laura Buono-pro-tem

Vice Chairperson: Riche' Colcombe

Commission Members: Riché Colcombe, Sam Ivanov, Kim Opperman, Bob Nash,

Town Administrator: Laura Buono

Planning Director: Robyn Payson

Planning Board: Susanne White

Chamber of Commerce: Keith Cobbett

Supt of Schools: Jennifer Crawford

Select Board: Rich Pelletier

Water/Sewer Dept:

Excused: Sam Ivanov

Public: None

Meeting Minutes: 06/21/23 Susanne White made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Nash seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jennifer Crawford and Laura Buono abstaining.

Bob Nash left the meeting shortly after it began.

Woods Woolen Mill Foot Bridge

Robyn Payson said she thought a feasibility study was necessary to move forward with this project.

Laura Buono said that the next step would be to go before the Board of Selectmen and see if this was a project they would be interested in taking up at this time. If so, it might be included in the Capital Improvements Plan.

There was a brief discussion about getting a ballpark estimate on the cost before going to the Selectmen.

EDC Projects

Laura Buono asked what the Commission thought about the "Great American Downtown" page from Nashua and asked if they were interested in developing something like that. She said something like that could be used to bring all of the events in Hillsborough together and to promote Hillsborough.

Keith Cobbett talked about the community calendar he was trying to set up that would link to other organizations calendars to make the Chamber's a primary resource for events in town.

There was discussion about the Library's "Hub" online newsletter and calendar that lists all town events.

Riche' Colcombe said that she would like to see a printed version.

Following further discussion Laura Buono thought it would be a good idea to add a "Community" page to the Town Website with links to the various groups in town.

Susanne White wanted to know if there were any fairs that could be held in town that could attract businesses. Riche' Colcombe said she would talk to someone from the Business and Economics Affairs organization to come and talk to the EDC.

Laura Buono said a meeting like that might be better held within the region. Riche' Colcombe said she thought the BEA could give more focus to the issues in Hillsborough if they came just to the EDC.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Town Website. Riche' Colcombe suggested a forum to discuss issues people had with the Town Website so they could tell the Selectmen. There was discussion about the ability of the public to find information and the possible need for a FAQ. Riche' Colcombe talked about things that needed to be updated and the need for the website to be promoted.

Susanne White suggested the Town Website be publicized on Hillsborough Hub.

Kim Opperman asked Jennifer Crawford about what was going on with the school.

Jennifer Crawford said they were between wrapping up the books on the previous school year and getting ready for the upcoming year.

Rich Pelletier left the meeting.

Laura Buono left the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:17 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director