

Minutes from the Economic Development Meeting 2/27/14

Present:, Alan Urquhart Chairman, Jack Wells, Steve Venezia, Russ Galpin, Doug Hatfield, and Robyn Payson-Planning Director

Guests: Andre Garron AICP UNH Cooperative Extension, Jane Butler Hillsborough Historical Society

Meeting was call to order at 9am by Chairman Alan Urquhart.

Minutes from the meeting February 13, 2014-Russ Galpin made a motion to approve the minutes. Jack Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried, with Steve Venezia abstaining.

Robyn distributed a spreadsheet based on discussion from the previous meeting. She had taken items discussed as "Areas that Need Improvement" in Hillsborough and created a chart outlining priorities/years expected to accomplish these goals and the agencies expected to spear head each item.

Steve Venezia said this was exactly the type of information the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) Committee was looking for to develop projects that would benefit Hillsborough. There was discussion about more fully developing this list, bringing in more stakeholders which include town departments and the EDC and Chamber of Commerce for a meeting together.

Presentation-Andre Garron AICP Developing an Economic Development Website
Andre Garron of UNH Cooperative Extension gave a presentation on Economic Development Websites, and the role they play in attracting business to a town. (Presentation attached).

Jane Butler-Historical Society

Jane Butler updated the Commission on the work the Historical Society was doing and its work with the State of New Hampshire. There was discussion about how important it was for the Historic aspect of the town to be used in promoting the town as a location for business.

Meeting Adjourned 10:25 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Payson
Planning Director