## Town of Hillsborough Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes May 23, 2013

In Attendance: Dennis Roberts, Jr., Dave Fullerton, Robyn Payson, Laura Buono, Steve Heavener, Doug Hatfield, Alan Urquhart, Steve Venezia.

Guests:

Jane Williams, Ginks Leiby

<u>OEP Conference</u> – Dave Fullerton said that he attended the Office of Energy and Planning Conference and in one session, Economic Development Committees were the topic of discussion. Mr. Fullerton said based on that, Hillsborough is in good shape.

<u>Planning Update</u> – Robyn Payson reported that Sanel wants to re-do their site. They would like to take down both buildings and rebuild. Weatherstone Crossting was briefly discussed and it is the hopes of the Committee that there will be some movement on the project in the near future.

<u>TIF</u> – The process of the formation of a TIF district was discussed and outlined by Steve Heavener. As was discussed at the last meeting, if the Town doesn't make developers pay for infrastructure improvements, a TIF is one method to handle such improvements with regard to financing. Laura Buono reported that the Selectmen were not necessarily in favor of a TIF based on the presentation that was given to them at their last meeting. Ms. Buono suggested that the EDC should make a decision as to what area they feel would warrant such a district and what that decision is based on (type of infrastructure), etc. Education of the public was discussed as well as potential areas. Doug Hatfield reiterated that identifying an area is necessary before moving forward. This will be discussed further in future meetings

<u>Meeting Minute Approval</u> – Motion was moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 25, 2013 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Next Meeting Date</u> – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 9:00 a.m. at Hillsborough Police Dept.

<u>Chamber of Commerce</u> – The reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce was discussed and Ginks Leiby spoke briefly about the JPP Grant through the State of NH which is designed to be used for the purpose of promoting travel and tourism.

<u>Adjournment</u> – A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.