Town of Hillsborough Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes January 24, 2013

In Attendance: Dennis Roberts, Jr., Chairman; Dave Fullerton; Robyn Payson; Laura Buono; Alan Urquhart; Deborah DeScenza; Jack Wells.

<u>Downtown Values</u> - Dennis stated that the purpose of this meeting was initially to identify a downtown area to apply a condition factor based on the discussion the Commission had with the Assessor at the last meeting. Since that time, the Assessor has found that various properties which should have been coded on their assessments as "Central Business" were coded as "Commercial" incorrectly. This was briefly discussed. The Assessor will be making corrections to the assessments which will hopefully take care of the problem. Once the changes are made the Commission will take a look at the values and discuss whether or not there is a need to do anything further.

<u>Planning Update</u> – Robyn Payson updated the Commission on Mike Black's project. She stated that Mr. Black will be in front of the Conservation Commission this evening to address any concerns they may have with his project. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) requirements were discussed and Robyn mentioned that it would be nice to have some representation from the EDC at the meeting this evening. The Planning Board is the driving force behind Mr. Black's application, meaning that they approve or deny it based on the information supplied however; the Conservation Commission has a timeframe to comment. Robyn stated that the next Planning Board meeting in which Mr. Black is attending is on Wednesday, February 6th @ 7:00 p.m. It was stated that this project is an economic opportunity as well as a tax base benefit.

Dave Fullerton mentioned that although there was a desire to add more money to the planning department budget to make the Planner a full time position, this was not done but there was discussion about finding the money within the entire budget if more hours are needed in 2013.

<u>Meeting Minute Approval</u> – Doug Hatfield moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 20, 2012 and January 9, 3013. Motion was seconded by Deborah DeScenza. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Next Meeting Date</u> – The next meeting of the EDC will be on Thursday, February 21st @ 9:00 a.m.

<u>Adjournment</u> - Alan Urquart moved to adjourn at 9:46 a.m. Motion was seconded by Jack Wells. Motion passed unanimously.