

Minutes
June 26, 2014
Hillsborough Economic Development Commission
Hillsborough Police Department

“Hillsborough’s History is alive and business is growing.”

Present: Steve Venezia, Russ Galpin, Laura Buono, Robyn Payson, Jack Wells, Robert Hassett, Jane Williams Laurel Boivin

Excused: Alan Urquhart, Doug Hatfield

Meeting Called to order 9:05 am by Vice Chairman Jack Wells

Approval of Minutes May 22, 2014-Steve Venezia made a motion to approve the minutes. Herm Weigleman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Laura Buono, Russ Galpin and Laurel Boivin abstaining.

Election of Officers-

Laura Buono made a motion to elect Steve Venezia Chairman of the Economic Development Commission. Herm Weigleman seconded the motion the motion carried unanimously.

Russ Galpin made a motion to elect Jack Wells Vice Chairman of the Economic Development commission. Herm Weigleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Venezia made a motion to appoint Russell Galpin to the Economic Development Commission as a Citizen member at large Jane Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jane Williams will remain secretary. Alan Urquhart will be the ex-officio from the Board of Selectmen to the Economic Development Commission.

Website update

Robyn reported that there had been two firms submit proposals to build the EDC website. Virtual Town Hall and Civics Plus. Civics Plus will be giving a demonstration at her office on July 17. Information will be sent out as to the time for anyone interested in attending.

Where there is need for improvement in Hillsborough-Jack Wells

Jack Wells reviewed the previous list of priority issues discussed. Water Sewer issues would be addressed by Herm Weigleman and the Water Sewer Department, Laura and Robyn would address the Parking and issues with Center Road along with DOT and Central NH Regional

Planning and the remainder of the list was included in the CEDS applications (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) applications submitted by Steve Venezia.

Round Table

Herm Weigleman: New UV clean filtration is on line since 6/25/14 will take 30 days to full reach all users.

Laura Buono: Monadnock Travel Council meeting with Selectman 7/8/14 about the Stone Arch Bridge

Robyn and Laura: Kudos's for the Solar Garden Landfill cap in Hillsborough – 1 cent per KW rebate!

Robert Hassett gave a comprehensive description of the state of the school district and the improvements made over the last few years. He pointed out the importance of a strong school system in attracting business and industry to Hillsborough.

Of the 86 students who graduated in 2014, over 25% were:

National Honor Society (17 graduates)

NH Scholars (21 graduates)

Bob suggested that the Commission members pass on this information to dispel misconceptions that remain about the state of the school district.

Next Meeting 7/24 – all members bring 2015 goals in preparation for the upcoming Budget Season.

Motion to adjourn by Jane Williams 10:20 –Robyn Payson Seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Williams