

Town of Hillsborough
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2013

In Attendance: Steven Venezia; Dave Fullerton; Robyn Payson; Laura Buono; Alan Urquhart; Jack Wells; Herm Wiegelman; Steve Heavener.

Guests: Jane Manning; John Segedy

Planning Update – Robyn Payson updated the Commission on the Weatherstone Crossing project. Mike Black is currently scheduled to be in front of the Planning Board in March. She also reported on a seminar she attended with regard to broadband infrastructure and the importance of it for businesses and economic development. Ms. Payson stated that she would like to have a session on the subject for the Planning Board and EDC either at the end of March or beginning of April. Steve Venezia suggested inviting the Chamber as well.

The housing development associated with Weatherstone Crossing was briefly discussed. Both workforce housing and Over 55 housing has been discussed but no decisions have been made. It was mentioned that it is important to remember that workforce housing is NOT low income housing.

It was suggested that Ms. Payson contact the owner of Edward Jones since he is discussing a second building but first wants to make sure he has businesses to occupy it.

Commission Makeup – The membership of the Commission was reviewed with regard to terms and member names. There are currently seven members on the Commission however there is at least one member who hasn't been to meetings in quite some time and another member who spends winters in Florida. It was suggested that the EDC Bylaws be reviewed at the next meeting.

Master Plan Update – The Town's Master Plan is due to be updated this year and it was suggested that sidewalk repair be part of that. Steve Venezia said this has been discussed and is currently being worked on by the Planning Board when site plans are approved. The extension of sidewalks would be a benefit to businesses.

Grants – Grants were briefly discussed in association with CIP projects and sidewalk building down to Rte. 9 as well as water/sewer projects. Alan Urquart offered to help write grants.

Meeting Minute Approval – Alan Urquart moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2013. Motion was seconded by Jack Wells. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date – The meeting dates of the EDC was brought up with regard to Doug Hatfield's inability to attend meetings on the third Thursdays of the month. Herm Wiegelman moved and Alan Urquart seconded that the monthly meetings be held on the fourth Thursdays of the month from now on. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the EDC will be on Thursday, March 28th @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment - Steve Venezia 10:03 a.m. Motion was seconded by Alan Urquart. Motion passed unanimously.