

Hillsborough NH EDC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 24, 2016

Approved April 28, 2016

Present: Steve Venezia, Jack Wells, Jane Williams, Russ Galpin, Alan U., and Robyn Payson, Laura Buono, Steve Venezia, Laurel Boivin, Herm W., Bob Hassett

Guests: Mike Tardiff

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

Re- Appointments to the Commission

The terms of several members of the Economic Development Commission have expired. Following a brief discussion the individuals noted below were recommended to the Board of Selectmen for reappointment:

Stave Venezia term -2016-2019

Jane Williams - term 2016-2019

Doug Hatfield term 2016-2018

Jack Wells –term 2016-2018

Russ Galpin- term 2016-2017

Suzie White will be recommended for the position of Alternate Member 2016-2019

Continuing:

Laurel Boivin- Ex-Officio-Eversource/Chamber of Commerce

Robert Hassett Superintendent of Schools

Alan Urquhart Ex-Officio-Board of Selectmen

Herm Wiegelman Planning Board/ Hillsborough Pride

Laura Buono Town Administrator

Robyn Payson Planning Director

Laura Buono made a motion to invite Paul Dutton to be ex-officio from the Water/Sewer Commission because of the value of his technical knowledge of the current Water/Sewer infrastructure. the EDC– 2016-2018. Jack Wells seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mike Tardiff: EDC Chapter of the Master Plan

Discussion began with the last Master Plan update in 1999 and the recommendations associated with it. This update occurred shortly before the Bypass and there was much speculation about the effect it would have on Hillsborough and the surrounding communities. Key facts to be included in this update

are, Economic News, Business Strengths and weaknesses and the actual effect of the Bypass on Hillsborough.

Discussion about the limitations of the current Water and Sewer infrastructure were discussed. Upgrading the system was included in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Expanding the system will make development in parts of town more likely and ways to fund upgrades and improvements need to be found. Herm Wiegelman stated that the Water /Sewer Commission had no immediate plans to expand access and funding expansion would have to come from sources other than the current users. .

Business Retention & Expansion Program. *Memorandum of Understanding*

The Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed to get the process underway. This program maps ways to encourage growth and survival of new and existing businesses. It is a 4 step process. 1st is a visitation to targeted businesses. 2nd if immediate follow up. 3rd. Is Data Analysis 4th Wrap up meeting and action plan to implement changes and corrections. Towns of Milford, Amherst, Wolfeboro, Portsmouth and Hooksett have found successful results.

Planning Director Update:

Weatherstone Update – Is meeting with the anchor store board to get final signatures and the ability for the town to announce (should be in 2 weeks.)

Website –Robyn said she needed input for the EDC website. A meeting was scheduled for – 3/31 -2PM – in the Planning Office.

Meeting Adjourned 10:16

Respectfully,

Jane Williams