

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2016

Approved 5/26/2016

Present: Chairman: Jack Wells, Doug Hatfield, Jane Williams, Laurel Boivin, and Robyn Payson.

Excused: Laura Buono, Steve Venezia

Guests: Mike Tardiff,

Meeting called to order at 8:58am by Jack Wells

Minutes -3/24/2016 Doug Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes. Jack Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Tardiff – Master Plan EDC Chapter

Mike Tardiff said he had noticed lines being painted on the pavement in the Depot Street area. He wondered if the re-striping was based on the proposed updates to the parking as presented by Mike Vignale.

Hillsborough Reborn-The Chamber of Commerce is seeking a partnership with the Town on their “Hillsborough Reborn” initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to add trees and plantings to the down town area and encourage property owners to “spruce up” their properties. The Chamber also has plans to locate pianos in various locations in town with the hope that members of the public will be encourage visitor to take a seat and play.

Parking-David Roarick, Chief of Police, will be invited to the next meeting to discuss enforcement of current time limits on parking. Addressing the parking issue needs a multi step approach.

1. Enforcement of existing parking limitations
2. Improving signage that directs people to available parking, making the parking lots more visible.
3. The Town possibly selling “parking passes”
4. Obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding with the Valley Bible Church that will allow public parking during the week. This will add approximately 20 parking spaces to the down town area.
5. Re-examining the “Unregulated Parking” allowed in the Town Ordinances

Some of the property owners believe there is an “agreement with the town” to use the municipal lots for permanent residential parking. This needs to be addressed and clarified. There is also a need to address the “perception” that there is “no available parking” in the Down Town. Signage is key to create awareness in the community of available parking.

Master Plan-Mike Tardiff and the Commission discussed the Economic Development and Community Facilities chapters of the Master Plan. Doug Hatfield brought up Kemp Park, It is the beginning of the Contoocook Trail system and the home of the Franklin Pierce Oven, Dade Kemp’s Cider Mill Mac Truck, Old signaling shed (to name a few of the amenities of the park. The land and building was from the estate of the former owner. An eye sore converted into a great park!

Robyn suggested a green up day – getting the town evolved with a community wide planting and beautification day.

Community Facilities was addressed specifically in the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy)

Woods Woolen Mill-Completion of the clean up and redevelopment of the mill was the highest priority project in the CEDS. There is a Brownfields Advisory Committee (on which Robyn serves) tasked with hiring consultants and prioritizing projects that will make the best use of the funds made available by the EPA.

Water Sewer – it was recommended to investigate and determine capacity vs. usage. Finding a solution to the sewer capacity problem is a town wide problem and needs to be considered a high priority. Conflicting information is being disseminating amongst interested parties who would like to consider Hillsborough as a place to develop.

Community Center – A community center would be beneficial to families into to develop a place for young people to and adults to engage in activities. A Community Center could also house adult education and the Town Offices. A schematic plan of the vision is needed. (Comprehensive schematic cost 20-30K)

Planning Director Report-Robyn Payson reported the development of content for the EDC Website is ongoing. The intention is that he website can be launched before the end of the year.

Weatherstone Crossing-The anchor tenant has been signed but the Publicity Department of the retailer will be rolling out the project and making the announcement. Robyn is waiting to h ear from them.

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Williams/Robyn Payson