

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2016

Present: Robyn Payson, Jack Wells, Susanne White, Robyn Payson, Laura Buono, Dana Brien, Laurel Boiven, Herman Wiegelman, Jane Williams, Jon Daley, Douglas Hatfield, Peter Mellen, Laurie Schmidt, Dana Brien. Guest: Paul Dutton, Water Sewer, Craig Tufts, CNHRP.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Jane Williams

Craig Tufts, CNHRPC – Regional Rail Trail

Part 1: People would like to see more trails - recommended forming a trail committee

- Seek volunteers – form committee under another committee or whatever works for group
- Develop and maintain a trail system similar to snowmobile club – explore legalities and develop relationships with land owners
- Grants? Match with local donations?
- Create websites for trails, etc.

Part 2: Regional Trails Special Project MAP

- Concord, Bradford, Newbury already have volunteers – add some from Hillsborough? (Craig is planning a meeting of volunteers from all towns in May to discuss plans, progress and strategies)
- Old railroad – sections of trails already built – check out map to see what can be done and make sure it does not negatively impact property owners
- Local volunteers could raise money (local business sponsors, etc.) for foot trails and bike trails – good place to start might be snowmobile club
- It was recommended to have Craig get on Conservation Commission Agenda and also to connect this with the larger community recreation plan in the Master Plan (fits under recreation, transportation, etc. to apply for various grants).

Hillsborough Reborn

Laura had requested to be placed on agenda for last meeting, but there was some confusion and EDC was not in attendance. Tuesday, May 2nd, 4:00 meeting at Fire Station.

By-Laws – Committee reviewed the proposed edits to the EDC By-laws. A few minor grammatical corrections were suggested, but Doug Hatfield moved to approve subject to final editing, Susanne White seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Retention and Expansion Program – Interviews are ongoing. Team are out working on interviews, might need another week to finish up.

Infrastructure – “5 properties”

Need to consider Water and Sewer for areas that are targeted for economic growth. Would it make sense on EDC level to work with Water and Sewer to get pricing on feasibility studies to work into the budget? Possible grants to fund these studies and then once studies are done, Committee can discuss ways to move forward. Water Commission could attend EDC meeting to further discuss.

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Agreement with Valley Church will need to be revised. Doug Hatfield moved to have Robyn meet with reps of church to iron out an agreement that’s acceptable to all parties. Susanne White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by Jane Williams at 10:02

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blevens, Secretary