

Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2017

Present: Robyn Payson, Laura Buono, Dana Brien, Jane Williams, Jon Daley, Douglas Hatfield,

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Doug Hatfield

Minutes April 27, 2017. Doug Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura Buono seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hillsborough Reborn

Laura and Robyn attended separate Hillsborough Reborn meetings.

Laura (meeting 5/2) reported that this was a very energetic and positive group. They discussed fund raising and proposed a fundraiser that would include selling tickets to the local restaurants similar to what had been done when the school hosted “A Taste of Hillsborough”

Robyn (meeting 6/6, joined by Mike Tardiff of CNHRPC) Mike complimented the group on their enthusiasm and reviewed the portions of the Master Plan that Hillsborough Reborn fits in to. Robyn also noted the positivity of the group and that there were some “new faces” present. There was a discussion of an overall “Vision” and Vision Statement for the group. Robyn suggested applying for a “Plan New Hampshire” to bring professionals of all disciplines (Traffic Engineers, Architects, etc.) to help develop a picture that would reflect the potential changes to the town center, which could become a “rallying point” for the town’s people to get excited about. She emphasized that Plan NH is something that must be applied for by the “Town” and that folding the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board were integral to the success of Hillsborough Reborn. Robyn suggested members of this committee consider joining the Planning Board (and others) as alternates so they could begin “cross pollinating” to get the message of Hillsborough Reborn become an issue that can be taken up as a priority on other boards.

The EDC discussed the merits of applying for the “Plan NH Charrette” and it was noted that it can be years before receiving the grant.

Business Retention and Expansion Program

Robyn reported that all of the surveys had been submitted and there is a meeting currently scheduled for July 10th to pick up the hard copies of the surveys and the lap tops and I pads that were loaned to the Town by the University of NH.

MOU-Status/Parking

Jon Daley said he had sent in proposed changes to the MOU to Robyn and Laura. They will be working on the MOU and move the process forward.

To maximize the use of existing parking, new signage has been bought and will be installed shortly. The Police department has also committed to enforce existing (and new) parking regulations. Parking Permits for overnight parking will be available for purchase on select Municipal lots. Landlords and businesses will be notified of the changes. Implementation of the new parking plan is intended to be August 1.

Jane Williams also brought up businesses purchasing “step” signs as a means to publicize parking lots. It was agreed that publicity was key to the success of this plan. Jane suggested a map of parking be given to the local restaurants that could be included in their menu’s.

Town Administrator Update

Laura reported that she had started working as Hillsborough representative on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Laura reported that NHRPC had received a “Safe Routes to Play” \$12,000 grant. Further funding for Brownfields clean up has also been awarded to the Planning Commission. The fence around Woods Woolen Mill (going before the Selectmen 6/13) will be constructed shortly.

Ideally, Brownfields fund could be used to begin assessment of the “Associated Electric” building.

SAU Update

Bob Hassett reported that \$700,000.00 in scholarship money had been awarded. 12 students were inducted in to the Jr. National Honor Society. The Dunkin Jenkins scholarships and enrichments were also discussed.

Supt Hassett stressed the value of “Storify” as a means to disseminate information about what is going on in the school district.

Planning Director Update

Robyn Payson reported the DOT issue with requiring a “roundabout” in front of the Weatherstone Crossing development have been resolved with the assistance of the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED)

MacDonald’s is renovating the existing building and adding a second “drive through” lane.

Tire Warehouse is also renovating and updating the existing building.

Dana Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13. Laura Buono seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director