Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2017 Approved July 26, 2017

**Present:** Robyn Payson, Dana Brien, Jane Williams, Douglas Hatfield, Jack Wells, Robert Hassett, Laura Buono, Susanne White, Jon Daley, Herman Wiegelman

**Meeting called to order at 9:02am by Jane Williams**

**Parking Update**

Robyn Payson reported that she will try to reach out to Goffstown since they have an agreement with a church that could be helpful to reference. Bill Goss has signs to put up.

Moving/removal of cars to allow for snow removal will need to be discussed and planned for (moving cars by a certain time, etc.). Robyn Payson and Laura Buono will meet with Chief Roarick to review enforcement. Meeting with business owners on 7/10 and expected roll out is 8/1.

Doug Hatfield expressed concern about the town’s plan to abolish parking in front of the Smith Memorial Church on the south side of Main Street without property owners having been notified. The church uses these for handicapped parking, Meals on Wheels loads and unloads there, etc., and they are concerned about the loss of parking for the folks that need it. Alternatives should be discussed. Laura Buono stated that the state has taken longer than anticipated and apologized for not reaching out to the church, but also mentioned that meanwhile, the church should be able to still utilize those spots for loading and unloading. It was recommended to have this added to next month’s selectman’s meeting agenda so that a rep from the church and Meals on Wheels can be present. Laura will plan to speak with Bill Goss about the possibility of eliminating 2 spots on the north side instead of the south.

**Media Coordinator for EDC Facebook/Press Releases**

Jane Williams proposed posting EDC meeting minutes and agendas on the EDC Facebook page, sharing posts, etc. To help spread the word about the work of the EDC.

**Water/Sewer - Feasibility Study**

Robyn Payson spoke with Mike Black- he needs the green light from water & sewer department to move forward with the study. Herman Wiegelman confirmed that water and sewer department will support it and asked economic development would be encouraged headed east or west. The feasibility study will help determine which direction to encourage economic development, and the work that Walmart had done on their previous location could be helpful if the committee can get ahold of it. It was also noted that commercial businesses can go in with private water and sewer.

ELVD is considering requesting hooking into town water.

**Town Administrator Update**

Laura Buono reported that there’s a beautification project happening at the Library; removal of stumps and planting trees. Meeting on Monday to discuss the 3rd floor meeting room in the library, which will hopefully be underway later this year. Addition on Highway department, building a new scale house, and getting pricing to resolve roofing issues at PD.

Family Dollar pavement is on an old town road (current Class VI road based on 1912 Selectman minutes). Selectman to approve a letter that will be sent to Family Dollar explaining that if the road is ever changed to a class V road, they would lose that stretch. Doug Hatfield recommended that the selectman file their minutes with the registry of deeds, and Jon Daly recommended naming the road.

**SAU Update**

Bob Hassett reported that there were 96 at a very nice graduation ceremony - a double rainbow was orchestrated. Earlier in the week, the graduating seniors walked through the elementary school wearing their caps and gowns.$253500 in scholarship money went to 45 students from Duncan Jenkins alone. There is an additional $54000 from the Blanchard Trust to be awarded to graduating seniors who live in Hillsborough.

5th grade and 8th grade had moving on ceremonies. There were many, many middle school awards given out, and 12 middle school students were inducted into the new chapter of National Junior Honor Society.

Summer paving is going on, and throughout the school year, work was done on lighting, updating heating, and irrigation for fields. It’s more aesthetically pleasing without the modular classrooms being the first thing you see driving up.

“Storify” continues to be a way to disseminate information about what is going on in the school district and is on the website as a blog

**Planning Director Update**

Robyn Payson reported that Mike Black is working with the Conservation Committee on the conservation easement.

July groundbreaking planned for Walmart. Ceremony? Press Release?

MacDonald’s is renovating the existing building to add a second drive through lane. Robyn Payson has some concerns and has communicated them. There is a July 5th hearing and the Planning Board will have to review.

Jane Williams expressed concern about Main Street looking unkempt and asked if there is any way that the town can mow abandoned properties. Town cannot do anything on private property, but maybe could look at ways to address road-side mowing to help. Sidewalks will help,but waiting for approval to proceed and won’t be completed until next year.

Jane Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56, Susanne White seconded the motion.

Doug Hatfield reminded committee that minutes from 6-8-17 meeting had not been approved. Jane Williams re-opened the meeting at 9:57 and made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2017 meeting. Doug Hatfield seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jane Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58. Susanne White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blevens, Secretary