Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2017-Approved 8/24/17

**Present:** Jane Williams, Jack Wells, Laura Buono, Susanne White, Jon Daley,

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

**Minutes from 6/22/2017 Meeting -** Laura Buono made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/22/2017 as amended. Susanne White seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**EDC Media-Coordinator**

Jane Williams recommended that it might make sense to explore switching Laurel Boiven into a media coordinator position for EDC given her work with The Monadnock Ledger. Research would be needed as to whether this would be a voting or non-voting member.

**Parking Update**

Signs are being corrected.

Laura Buono reported that she and Robyn Payson met with Chief Roarick regarding details of implementing new parking.

Jack Wells expressed continued concern about lack of parking for downtown businesses as further development happens.

**Town Administrator Update**

Laura Buono reported that it’s important to note that the Selectmen are careful not to favor businesses, but to work in a way that is for the good of all.

Jane Williams commented that she felt the recent water/sewer meeting went well and that she thinks the community felt more comfortable regarding the future development plans with Weatherstone Properties. She also noted that the local real estate market is already being positively affected by Wal-Mart.

**New Business**

Jane Williams reported that there are new owners of Stonefalls Gardens in Henniker and mentioned a goal of collaborating with other Chambers

Susanne White reported that the Chamber is looking for a new board member and is hiring a part time position with a goal of expanding membership to surrounding towns.

Schnitzel Fest is coming up…last Saturday in September!

Jane Williams stated that a feasibility study for Route 9 traffic near the Route 31 intersection might be a good idea to further encourage growth. An old feasibility study showed only 4000 cars daily, but perhaps these numbers have increased.

Jane Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30, Laura Buono seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blevens, Secretary