Hillsborough EDC Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2017 Approved September 28, 2017

**Present:** Jane Williams, Jack Wells, Laura Buono, Susanne White, Jon Daley, Douglas Hatfield, Robyn Payson, Dana Brien, Robert Hassett Guests: Mike Tardiff, Chris Wellington, and Charlie Denton

**Meeting called to order at 9:01am by Jane Williams**

**Minutes from 7/27/2017 Meeting –** Douglas Hatfield noted that he was present at 7/27/17 meeting but omitted from the minutes. He made a motion to add his name and approve the 7/27/17 minutes as amended. Laura Buono seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Mike Tardiff – CNHRPC - 79E/ERZ**

79E

Mike Tardiff reviewed the outline of the revitalization district for 79E, which Robyn Payson explained was laid out by the Planning Board. 79E will provide a property tax incentive for owners/purchasers who invest in significant improvements/renovations of properties within the identified district. Mike noted that the district map will need to go to the Selectmen for approval and property owners will have to go through the application process before investments/renovations are made. The EDC reviewed the proposed district map and Dana Brien questioned why certain parcels near Grimes Field were excluded while others were part of the identified area. Robyn Payson explained that effort was made to focus on blighted properties, Laura Buono added that the target for improvement is the Central Business District, and Chris Wellington of CRDC/CEDS clarified that the focus for 79E is typically commercial property.

ERZ

Mike Tardiff would like to meet with Robyn Payson regarding application to DRED for 2 Economic Revitalization Zones.

* Undeveloped or underdeveloped commercial
* Break in Business Profits tax with investment in infrastructure
* Application would be filled out by selectmen to identify two ERZ’s

**Chris Wellington – CRDC/CEDS**

Guest Chris Wellington introduced himself and spoke about CEDS. Hillsborough had the highest number of projects with CEDS – top project in the region!

**Charlie Denton**

Charlie introduced himself. He has recently moved to Hillsborough and his area of expertise is in helping small business start-ups. He is willing to help the EDC however he can to help attract new businesses to town!

**Removal of Old Phone Material in Butler park**

Jack Wells reported that there are still remnants (structure, wires, etc.) of the old pay phone that was removed from Butler Park. He feels it’s an eye sore and is hoping that the EDC might be able to do something to help facilitate its removal/clean-up.

**Town Administrator’s Update**

Laura Buono reported that Landry Gardens is being cleaned up and weeded and the Selectmen are looking at a plan for gardening in the budget.

**Planning Department Update**

Robyn Payson reported that:

* application from Mike Black went to DES.
* Business Expansion and Retention Program is due for faculty review – will invite Planning Board, EDC, Selectmen, and Task Force to sit in.
* McDonald’s has approval to renovate and Hillsborough Ford is also in the process of renovations

**Superintendent of Schools Report**

Robert Hassett reported that:

* students start school on Tuesday, 8/29/17
* paving work has been completed
* the current playground is being looked at – line of sight is an issue. The playground will need replacement and the PTO cannot raiser all of the funds, so help will be needed.
* they have been working on improving the entrance to HDES and modular classrooms have been removed from the High School lot. Lighting, landscaping, and work to replace solar panels at the High School has also been done. The physical appearance of the schools has improved greatly over the last five years!
* standardized test scores have been great in some areas and they are addressing other areas of concern that are in need of improvement
* DECA helped out at the Chili Fest at Pat’s Peak

Robert Hassett also suggested that it would be great if an effort could be made to reach out to the Concord Monitor to help get the word out and promote more positive news about our schools and our great community!

Jane Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03, Doug Hatfield seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blevens, Secretary