

EDC Meeting Minutes 01/26/2023 Approved: 02/15/23

Chairperson: Robyn Payson, Laura Buono-pro tem

Vice Chairperson: Riche' Colcombe

Commission Members: Riché Colcombe, Sam Ivanov, Kim Opperman, Bob Nash, Meleny Nagy

Town Administrator: Laura Buono

Planning Director: Robyn Payson

Planning Board: Susanne White

Chamber of Commerce: Keith Cobbett

Supt of Schools: Jennifer Crawford

Select Board:

Water/Sewer Dept:

Excused: Sam Ivanov, Bob Nash, Riche' Colcombe, Meleny Nagy, Jennifer Crawford

Public: None

Meeting Minutes: 10/27/22

Kim Opperman made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Cobbett seconded the motion the

Membership

Robyn Payson said she had reached out to Sam Ivanov via e-mail to find out if she was interested in continuing on the Commission. Her schedule has not allowed her to attend meetings over the last several months.

There was further discussion about the current membership of the Commission and who was up for re-appointment. Riche Colcombe was asked if she was interested in being re-appointed. She said she was, but the meeting date conflicted with her State Representative responsibilities in Concord. Following discussion the Commission decided to change the date of Economic Development Commission meetings from the fourth Thursday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month.

Susanne White made a motion to change the meeting date of the Economic Development Commission to the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am at the Hillsborough Fire Station. Keith Cobbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Robyn Payson will send out a group notification so the meeting schedule is available to everyone's calendar.

There was discussion about the need for alternates on the Commission. Robyn Payson will post a notice on the Town Facebook page and website.

Laura Buono said that the Energy Commission has applied for a grant that will assist in the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

The Commission reviewed the draft of the Developers Guide and were happy with the document. The Commissioners will review it and bring back any suggested additions or changes to the next meeting.

Susanne White, Planning Board representative to Central NH Regional Planning Commission reported that they are working on mapping for towns in the region, and the map layers included trails, cultural, historical, physical points of interest, parks, etc., and they are weighted by survey results from the local residents. She suggested this might be something of interest to the EDC. There was discussion about developing a trails map for the Town. Any map layers that would be developed would be added to the GIS information the town already has to be used on future Town maps.

Laura Buono talked about the progress on the Woods Woolen Mill site. There was discussion about a foot bridge being a part of the re-development. This could be adopted as a project for the Commission. There was also discussion about the clean up of the Associated Electric site and how the redevelopment of that site would be great for the Town. Laura Buono and Robyn Payson have been working with the Department of Environmental Services, consultant Sanborn Head and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission on these projects.

There was discussion about the goals of the EDC. Each member of the Commission will come to the next meeting prepared to share a possible long-term project.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director