

EDC Meeting Minutes 06/21/2023

Approved: 07/19/23

9:00 am to 9:36 am

Chairperson: Robyn Payson, Laura Buono-pro tem

Vice Chairperson: Riche' Colcombe

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

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: Laura Buono, Sam Ivanov, Jennifer Crawford

Public: None

Meeting Minutes: 05/17/23

Susanne White made a motion to approve the minutes. Riche' Colcombe seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Rich Pelletier abstaining.

Later in the meeting, Riche' Colcombe noticed an error in the approved minutes. Susanne White made a motion to amend the minutes to state that Jack Franks was "under contract" to purchase the abutting piece of property. He had not purchased it yet. Riche Colcombe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Woods Woolen Mill Foot Bridge

Robyn Payson said she contacted Mindy Bubier to ask about the permitting that would be involved in installing a foot bridge across the Contoocook river that would connect to the downtown. Mindy referred her to Stefanie Tetreault of the DES Wetlands Bureau who said if the bridge were to span from the top bank on either side of the river no Wetlands Permit would be required, but if it were located below the top bank it would require a Wetlands Permit and it would need authorization from Shoreland.

Kim Opperman said he would grant an easement on the other side of the river to connect the bridge.

Riche' Colcombe asked if this would be a foot bridge or if ATV's would also be able to cross.

There was a brief discussion that culminated in the bridge being an ADA compliant foot bridge that would likely be a suspension bridge.

Robyn Payson said Steve Livingston had given her information about a grant program that could help with the construction of the bridge.

Following discussion, it was determined that what needed to happen was that a consultant/engineer would need to be engaged that could determine the best place to locate and design the bridge. Funds would need to be raised to do that.

This is an ongoing project.

EDC Projects

Robyn Payson shared an e-mail from Laura Buono suggesting that the Commissioners look at a Facebook page called “Great American Downtown” its purpose is to promote the town of Nashua. She suggested the Commission take this on as a project. It could be used to promote downtown events that would include events put on by individual businesses. She suggested that if the Commission was in favor of it, they could shoot for launching it by fall or winter.

Avanru Development

Robyn Payson said Avanru Development will be coming to the Planning Board July 5th for a Site Plan amendment and a four-lot subdivision. The Site Plan Amendment is primarily for the construction of a road with sidewalks that replaces the driveway originally proposed and extends it to Harvey Way. The new road will have complete sidewalks that will extend to West Main Street. The developer’s intention is that the road will eventually be taken over by the town.

The subdivision creates new lots that will be used for additional phases of the development. One lot is being reserved for a Community Center. The other lots are for a proposed elderly housing development, market rate condominiums, and single-family homes.

Robyn Payson said that they would need to return to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for variance for the additional Residential units.

Riche’ Colcombe said that they have qualified for the ARPA funds for the infrastructure improvements that are necessary for the development.

There was a brief discussion about the project and its proposed future development. There is hope that a commercial component could also be included in their future plans.

There being no other business Susanne White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robyn Payson seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 9:36 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director