

EDC Meeting Minutes 08/16/2023

Approved: 09/20/2023

9:00 am to 10:04 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: Rich Pelletier

Water/Sewer Dept:

Excused: Sam Ivanov

Public: None

Meeting Minutes: 07/19/23 Riche' Colcombe made a motion to approve the minutes. Susanne White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Water/Sewer Commission

There was discussion about the EDC setting up a meeting with the Water/Sewer commission and reporting the results of the meeting to the Board of Selectmen. Keith Cobbett commented that the Water/Sewer department has no plans for expanding. Laura Buono said that the Water/Sewer Commission were currently working with the system they have. They are replacing leaking pipes in the current system. Riche' Colcombe said she would reach out to Peter Mellen and see when they could arrange a meeting with the EDC.

Attendance/Membership

There was discussion about the provision in the EDC bylaws that stated If a member misses three (3) consecutive meetings or more than four (four) meetings in one year without notifying the Chairperson, removal of that member may be recommended to the Board of Selectmen.

There is a member who has not attended a meeting of the EDC for over a year. Riche' Colcombe suggested that the Selectmen be asked to remove that member. Robyn Payson said she thought there needed to be a public hearing to remove a member. Riche' Colcombe said she would investigate.

There is currently one open slot for one full member and three open spots for alternates. There should be an effort put forward to recruit people to fill those slots.

Economic Development Plan

There was discussion about the need for an Economic Development Strategy Plan. Robyn Payson said she had participated in the development of one in Rindge. She circulated the document to the members. She said she had reached out to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to ask them if they could work with the EDC to develop a similar plan. She is waiting for their response. Susanne White said she thought that was a good idea.

Riche' Colcombe said she thought the EDC should make some recommendations for the use of some of the grant money received by the town.. Laura Buono said that the Board of Selectmen address the disposition of the grant money and there are a lot of town projects that need to be funded.

Upcoming Meeting

Riche' Colcombe reported that Cynthia Harrington of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs will be attending the meeting of September 20th.

Meeting Time

There was discussion about changing the EDC meeting time from 9:00am to 8:00am to accommodate people' schedules better. Following discussion Keith Cobbett made a motion to change the meeting time to 8:00 am beginning with the October 18th meeting. Kim Opperman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Susanne White made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 10:04 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director