

EDC Meeting Minutes 2/19/25

Approved: 3/19/25

8:03 am to 8:52 am

Chairperson: Rich Pelletier

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: Dana Clow

Excused: Sam Ivanov, Bob Nash, Laura Buono, Richard Pelletier

Guests: Mike Tardiff and Matt Monahan of Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Robyn Payson called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

Minutes 1/15/25

Susanne White made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TIF Document

Mike Tardiff said they received comments from Town Counsel directing them to add more language to the TIF document. It was more detail about a potential plan. Since then, there have been public hearings with no questions being asked. He said he thinks it muddies the water to put the numbers in there, but you have to have your plan. This is a potential scenario. You need a developer developer's agreement and interest on the part of the property owner. You must have what a potential scenario could be, all the way down to how you could bond it. It comes down to this potential scenario and continuing to educate the public.

Kim Opperman said it needed to be sold to the public that the developer is going to pay for the improvements or it's not going to go anywhere.

Mike Tardiff said there are developer dollars and there is bonding that may happen; we don't know until there is a development plan. We need a willing developer. Any bonding would have to go to Town Meeting.

There was further discussion about the TIF plan.

Survey Results

Parking spaces were a strong result on the survey. There was discussion about parking and the number of available parking spaces

There was discussion about the enforcement of the Town's parking regulations. Kim Opperman said that the Selectmen have taken the parking away and the Town can't grow. They are giving out 27 overnight permits and that's it. There was discussion about parking.

Mike Tardiff said that parking is something that needs to be worked on. It has brought a lot of passion from the responses.

Riche' Colcombe said we do need to bring a recommendation to the Selectmen about our parking and address the limitations on overnight parking.

Kim Opperman said he wouldn't mind paying a permit fee.

Mike Tardiff said what he is looking for is more direction to help the EDC have more information to help the Board move through these issues. We need to revisit the parking issues.

There was further discussion about parking issues and the empty parcel that is available to be a parking lot.

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Mike Tardiff reviewed the results of the survey. (see attached). He is interested in what jumps out of the survey to be emphasized in the Economic Development Plan. He asked the Commissioners to go through the results and highlight specific things for the plan.

There was a brief discussion about the Town website. Riche' Colcombe said she would like to see a work session specific to the website so public feedback could be brought in.

Mike Tardiff said he would go back to his office and look at the EDC page and the Planning Board page to see what was on there and if there might be improvements.

Mike Tardiff said next time we will talk more about the survey and work on more of a structure of a plan.

There being no other business, Jennifer Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Kim Opperman seconded the motion.

Susanne White made a motion to adjourn. Riche' Colcombe seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director