

8:00 am to 8:42 am

**Chairperson:** Rich Pelletier

**Vice Chairperson:** Keith Cobbett

**Commission Members:** Riché Colcombe, 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:** Rich Pelletier, Jennifer Crawford, Bob Nash

**Guests:** Amanda McDonald, Mike Tardiff

Keith Cobbett opened the meeting at 8:00 am and introduced Amanda McDonald who is the new representative from the Chamber of Commerce. His time with the Chamber has expired. He would like to stay on as a community member.

**Minutes** 12/17/25 Suanne White made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura Buono seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Tardiff spoke about the goals for the new year. He said this is a good year to “wave the flag” for things that the EDC has done and to promote the tools that we have. He said he asked Matt Baronas to put together some content. The first thing is the Economic Development Zones that approved by the Selectmen and are in place. The deadline for applying for the tax credit is coming up, it’s February 10<sup>th</sup>. If a business owner has hired one full time equivalent staff person and made an investment in capital expenses, they can apply for a break in their Business Profits Tax or their Business Enterprise Tax. The application has to go in by February 10. One thing they have run across with a great program is people getting upset because they didn’t know about it and it was a missed opportunity to get a break on their Business Profits Tax. He talked about the way programs have been publicized in the past. He said the information needs to be on the website.

Mike Tardiff said we also have the tools that have been adopted in the past 79E and 72:81. He suggested workshops about the tools to those that are eligible for the programs. He suggested contacting those within the ERZ and 79E zones and for the Commercial Industrial Tax Exemption ( 72:81) workshops in the fall to teach people how to use these tools.

Mike Tardiff suggested a meeting with the TIF committee. There was discussion about the Trails Committee with the Conservation Commission.

Riche' Colcombe asked about CNHRPC about the membership cost and what services the Town gets. She was told the Town contracts with the Planning Commission for projects like the Economic Development Plan and ERZ.

Mike Tardiff said that because the Town is a member their hourly rate is less. They also seek out grants to supplement the projects they are working on.

Riche' Colcombe asked about their take on the website.

Mike Tardiff said the structure is fine but there needs to be more content there.

Riche' Colcombe said she didn't like to download things to view them.

Susanne White asked for an update on Associated Electric.

Laura Buono said they are going for a Brownfields Grant, and she said the cleanup went very well.

Susanne White asked if there were any bids on the sidewalk project.

Robyn Payson said she had not received any, but they are due today.

There was discussion about the sidewalk project.

Riche' Colcombe asked about the Chamber being included in the Brownfields application.

Laura Buono said the Chamber was put in as a place holder and was not committed to anything.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:42 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director