

EDC Meeting Minutes 10/15/25

Approved:12/17/25

8:05 am to 8:55 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: Kieth Cobbett, Bob Nash, Jennifer Crawford, Kim Opperman

Guests: Mike Tardiff of Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Rich Pelletier opened the meeting at 8:05 am.

Minutes 9/17/25 Suanne White made a motion to approve the minutes. Dana Clow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GACIT Hearing

Mike Tardiff asked how everyone thought about the GACIT hearing went.

Laura Buono said the information they gave was very interesting. The background on the funding was interesting.

There was discussion about the GACIT hearing and the 10 Year plan.

There was discussion about the toll increase that will sunset in 2030. She said the toll increase money could benefit other projects. She said she got up as a citizen in favor of the toll increase.

There was discussion about other issues that needed to be addressed.

Mike Tardiff said there was a 400 million short fall in the 10-year plan. He said a 5-cent increase in the gas tax would cover all of that.

There was further discussion about increasing the gas tax.

Mike Tardiff said it was good that the police chief was there to talk about the need for the Round a Bout on routes 31 and 9.

Laura Buono said he was going to follow up with a right up because at that meeting someone was caught going through that intersection at 104mph.

Associated Electric

Laura Buono said the buildings at that site would be coming down soon. The project will start November 4th. The remediation is going to take the longest after the buildings come down.

ERZ

Mike Tardiff reviewed the parcels that could be in the ERZ. He suggested that the November meeting be in the evening, and the property owners would be invited.

Mike Tardiff described the process for a business to take advantage of the ERZ. Basically, if full-time jobs are created or equipment they can apply for a break in their Business Profits tax.

Riche' Colcombe asked about the process.

Riche' Colcombe asked what impact this would have on the citizens of Hillsborough.

Mike Tardiff said that we would be using every tool we have to generate some growth.

There was discussion on the ERZ about the upcoming EDC meeting in November. The meeting was set for Tuesday night November 25th at 6:00pm at the Fire Station.

There was discussion about building permits on Class VI roads.

Riche Colcombe made a motion to adjourn. Dana Clow seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director