

EDC Meeting Minutes 04/20/05

Hopkinton, NH Economic Development Committee

Minutes of 20 April 2005 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Judy Hampe. Committee members present were Lloyd Holmes, Sue Leadbeater, Bob Houston, Jack Ruderman, Bruce Ellsworth, Glen Ohlund who acted as secretary, and new members: Cettie Connolly and David Hayden. Selectman Don Lane was also present.

Minutes of February EDC meeting approved as written.

Don Lane reported on ongoing discussions relative to McLane. He reported that something should be known soon about their expansion plans as they would need to come before the Planning Board. A facility at Burnham Intervale would cost approximately \$6-7 million. The Town of Warner has also contacted McLane.

There was continuation of February discussion of creating a Tax Increment Finance District to cover the necessary infrastructure improvements.

Two action items developed as a result of this discussion:

~~~~ Identify/Update commercial and potential commercial parcels in town. This would reverse the current town trend of land moving from commercial to residential or other lower impact uses.

~~~~ Rezoning with landowners/abutters/others approval

It was also agreed that discussions with the Contoocook-Hopkinton Business Association should be stepped up to address their participation in upcoming events where Fairgrounds were in use.

A review of Fairgrounds Zoning Ordinances was to be done by Bruce Ellsworth.

The issue of open space acquisitions that created limitations on access to commercially zoned land was also discussed. The Committee further discussed the role of the EDC as it related to the work of the Open Space Committee.

Future meeting dates being considered are: May 18 and June 15

The next meeting will be held at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Ohlund

These minutes are not official until approved by the EDC at their next meeting.