

EDC Meeting Minutes 11/16/05

EDC Draft Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 16, 2005
(Pending final approval at January 2006 meeting)

Chairperson, Judy Hampe, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.~

Committee members present were Cettie Connolly,~Lloyd Holmes, Robert Houston, David Hayden, Jack Ruderman, and Glen Ohlund

Sean Bohman of the Contoocook - Hopkinton Business Association presented information on the group. This included a description of the mission and membership. Currently, the group holds quarterly networking meetings. Sean invited members of the EDC to attend the next one in January. Sean stated they group plans to bring in speakers to aid local businesses, coordinate later evening hours in conjunction with the Concord Holiday Event, and efforts to have businesses take better advantage of the Highland Games. There was discussion of cooperative advertising in print and cable television as well as improving directional signage from Rte 9 into the Contoocook Business District.

Minutes of the October EDC meeting were not available, approval was tabled.

David Hayden reported on the available land for economic development in proximity to a possible future limited access exit from I-89 onto Pine Street. The prospects are somewhat limited by current zoning, and land conditions, however, there may be opportunities on the Burnham Intervale Corridor to make this a feasible consideration. Lloyd Holmes reported that Clarke Kidder has submitted a request for support to Central NH RPC. This is the required first step in the process. There was discussion about the need for clarification from the Select Board about the role of the EDC. Members expressed some concerns around lack of visible accomplishments and

the need to develop tangible goals. It was agreed that individual members would research neighboring towns and what their EDC or other groups were doing. Assignments were as follows

David Hayden- Henniker Cettie Connolly- Pembroke Glen Ohlund- Bow

Reports to be made at the January Meeting

The next EDC meeting is scheduled for January 18th, 2006, 7:00 p.m.~

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Ohlund