



# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 APPROVED January 13, 2015

Jim O'Brien called the Economic Development Committee (EDC) meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Conference Room in the Town Hall. The Town Administrator volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

**Members Present:** Mark Beaudoin, Byron Carr, Dick Horner, LeeAnne Vance, Jim O'Brien

**Members Absent:** Meredith Astles

**Staff Present:** Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Mr. O'Brien gave an overview of the discussion that the Select Board has had concerning this committee and its role. He shared that this is one of the most important committees. The way the tax base presently is not sustainable. There is a concern that younger people will not move to town and the makeup of the town will change.

The Committee reviewed some of the information provided by Mr. Carr from similar committees in other towns. It was decided that at the next meeting the Committee will create a Mission Statement.

The Committee by consensus agreed to the following appointments:

Chair – Meredith Astles

Vice Chair – Dick Horner

Scribe – LeeAnne Vance

Mr. Horner chaired the remainder of the meeting.

It was determined that the Committee will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Committee members introduced themselves and discussed their experience and areas of interest related to this committee.

Additional members could be appointed to this committee. All agreed that there is a good balance now and that others could be asked to attend meetings as the work progresses.

Brainstorming discussion took place on the following items:

- Contoocook Village signage on the highway and leading to the village
- What does a sustainable town look like
- Public transportation (ie: bus) to services
- Elderly housing
- What do residents actually want the town to look like
- Is grant money available for infrastructure work in the village
- Are solar array fields a possibility
- How can we highlight our natural resources
- Should tourism be more of a focus
- Possibilities of a business incubator

At the next meeting the following items will be discussed:

- Create a Mission Statement for the committee
- Review current zoning maps and gain knowledge of what exists
- Further discussion on how to proceed

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Horner declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator