

EDC Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 2, 2016

Meeting started at 7:00PM

Committee Members Present:

Meredith Astles, Bob Gerseny Byron Carr, Patrick Miller, Tony Quinn

Committee Members Absent:

LeeAnne Vance, Mark Beaudoin

Guests:

Jeff Donohue

Dave Feller

We began the meeting with Dave Feller giving us the history/background of the charrette. Take-away: charrette was successful. Plan did not go forward because of zoning.

From this point, the committee discussed the following:

1. Need to look at the changes to the zoning that were proposed with Karen
1. Need to contact Rob Dapice at PlanNH and invite him to a future EDC meeting
2. Need to generate a plan-of-action as a committee. So far, this includes:
 - a. Committee recognized that it is time to get into the game, so that future opportunities do not pass us by.
 - b. Drafting a formal statement about our plans
 - i. Looking at the Village of Contoocook as an urban development plan
 - c. Educating the public on our plans well in advance to any changes, and seeking out comment from residents who would be affected by zoning changes in the Village (and the next "circle")

At the end of the meeting LeeAnne's notes were shared with the committee.

LeeAnne had a meeting with Mary Cowan, and Mary suggested the following:

1. Affordable housing (homes for \$250,000 or less)
2. Retirement community
3. Day care facilities
 - a. There is a shortage, and having this facility in our town could attract young professionals.
 - b. One of Brian Cressy's recent purchases is the ideal location for an early learning center.
 - c. Mary offered to help market commercial properties, like this one
 - d. Meredith is going to draft a letter to the early learning accredited centers in New Hampshire, to let them know of this property

Additionally, LeeAnne started the paperwork for the Contoocook Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting Adjourned.