

## **Economic Development Committee Meeting**

June 23, 2016

Present at meeting: Byron, Bob, Meredith, LeeAnne, Tony

Absent from Meeting: Patrick, Mark

Also in Attendance: Jim Fredyma, Planning Board and Rob Dapice, Plan NH

**Meeting Called:** 7:06PM

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Approval Next Meeting

### **1. Formal Statement:**

- a. Drafting a Formal Statement of our plans, to avoid misinformation (a mission statement with goals, parameters, boundaries, etc. to put public at ease)
  - i. Bob will work on a first draft. Will email everyone and ask for feedback. Will review at our next meeting.

### **2. Plan of Action:**

- a. Breaking-out into smaller groups to make headway on our plan:
  - i. **Zoning** (Village / Maple St) - **Meredith (with Jim F.)**
  - ii. **Charette - Byron & Patrick (with Rob Dapice)**
  - iii. **Commercial Brokers** (public/private interest) – **Bob & Tony**
    1. Begin to interview commercial brokers, to get input from the market about office/industrial/mixed use, etc.
    2. Developing exit 6
  - iv. **TIFs** to enhance Contoocook/ retail – **LeeAnne & Mark**
    1. Tax incentive for current businesses and historic area
      - a. Proposal from EDC to select board

### **3. Updates:**

#### **A. Bob**

- a. Spoke to Karen and he sent us information (Zoning)
  - i. Meredith will take this information for the sub committee
- b. Spoke with Rob Dapice about the charette
  - i. Do we go through the charette process again? Rob will walk us through this.

#### **B. Byron**

- c. Regional Planning Commissioner and Hopkinton Planning Board believe EDC should be the ones to redo the Economics Section
  - i. We should have the Regional Planning Commissioner come in to speak with us
  - ii. Jim Fredyma will meet with the EDC and refer back to the Planning Board
- d. Byron designed a Kiosk for the covered bridge that will have historic information and current town information (places to eat, what a day we have for you in the Village of Contoocook, etc.). Add

a place for brochures in a tasteful way (these can be updated/changed)

- i. Next step for the kiosk:
  1. Determine costs
  2. Ask selectman for money to create this

**C. Meredith**

- e. Identified childcare as a need for the town
  - i. Draft a formal letter, stressing the need for a daycare in Hopkinton, and there is property available. Here is one example (1325 Hopkinton Road).
  - ii. Will have a formal letter drafted to review at next meeting
- f. Fair
  - i. Contoocook Chamber of Commerce tent (kiosk-type booth to share information about the town, with raffle prizes).
    1. Byron will contact the Board at the Fair about this possibility

**D. LeeAnne**

- g. Mary Cowan:
  - i. Thinks rezoning and Maple St corridor is a great idea. People are looking at properties on Maple St as potential businesses, but it is not zoned for it, so they won't purchase
  - ii. Need for affordable housing – under \$250,000 – these homes sell very quickly in Hopkinton
  - iii. Lease/Rental/Apartment Property are in high demand
  - iv. Need for retirement community
    1. If we identified property, she would be willing to contact developers
- h. Continuing to work on Contoocook Chamber of Commerce

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:11PM**

**Next Meeting: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, Town Hall**