



Town of Hopkinton

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

Hopkinton Town Hall

Members Present: Sam Delgado, Andrea Folsom, Louise Carr, Ian Hart, Alexander Pooler, Greg Sagris, Steven Whitley

Members Absent: Jim Fredyma

Public Present: Scott Clay, Katherine Mitchell

Staff Present: Anna Wells, *Economic Development Director*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Steven Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from [April 5, 2023](#)

Louise Carr made a motion to approve the *Economic Development Committee minutes of April 5, 2023*. Steven Whitley seconded. There was no discussion. **Motion passed 3-0** with three abstentions (Alexander Pooler, Sam Delgado, Andrea Folsom).

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#) (CEDS) Project Priority List

The group discussed the top projects they would like to put forward for inclusion in the next CEDS for the Central/Southern Region. Ms. Wells will prepare the required nomination form for each project to be reviewed by a selection committee in the coming weeks.

2. [Zoning updates - Planning Board collaboration](#)

Mr. Sagris confirmed that discussion of zoning changes recommended by the Economic Development Committee will be on the Planning Board's agenda on May 9th. The group then discussed their recommendations, including:

- Updating the language of Commerce and Community Overlay District (CCOD) to allow for single-family, detached units
- apply the CCOD to other areas of town, including around Exit 6, the land off Burnham Intervale, and the site of the former paper mill on Route 127.

A resident in attendance, Katherine Mitchell, noted that the land along the Contoocook River (off Burnham Intervale) may be of conservation interest. The Committee members agreed that is likely the case, and noted that the CCOD contains incentives for creation/maintenance of open space.

IV. UPDATES

1. Water-Sewer Extension

Ms. Wells reported that cost estimates have been updated from the 2018 feasibility study with 2023 dollar figures. She reported that Mr. Cass will be running some numbers based on the current TIF Fund balance and bond prices.

2. Downtowns & Trails

Mr. Whitley and Mr. Pooler reported on the data-gathering session that took place Saturday with the team from UNH. A group of 6 volunteers met and cataloged dozens of points of interest in and around Contoocook Village.

3. InvestNH HOP Grant & Hopkinton Housing Committee

Ms. Carr informed the group that the first meeting of the Housing Committee will be on May 4.

4. Business Outreach / Questionnaire

Ms. Wells will provide some detailed survey responses at a future meeting.

5. Other Board/Committee Updates (as necessary)

Next EDC Meeting Date(s): May 3, 2023 @ Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD – May 9, 2023 @ Town Hall

May 17, 2023 @ Town Hall

(EDC meets at 5:30pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month unless otherwise posted)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Andrea Folsom moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Delgado. There was no discussion. **Motion passed 7-0**, Mr. Hart having joined the meeting.

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Wells

Economic Development Director