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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) was called to order by Chair Steven Whitley at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019, in the Philip S. Dunlap Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Byron Carr, Lester Cressy, Jim Fredyma, Steve Lux, Jr., Erik Newman, Anna Wells, Steven Whitley

Members Absent: Tom Congoran, Julie Voisin

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator)

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of their previous meeting. Mr. Fredyma made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lux, to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2018. Mr. Whitley called for the vote.

VOTE: Cressy, Fredyma, Lux, Newman, Wells, and Whitley voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

Appointment – George Carroll

Local Real Estate Agent George Carroll shared his concern over the recent ZBA decision concerning the Mount Lookout House located at 2201 Hopkinton Road. There was a proposal to convert the building into 7 units. Multi-family units are not allowed in this district. Abutters shared concern about the proposal. Mr. Carroll said he was aware that there is no further action concerning this proposal that can be taken but wanted the EDC to be aware of it. EDC members thanked him for sharing this information and updated him on the MTAG Grant work that is beginning. They also noted that the EDC role is not to be involved in specific cases before either the ZBA or Planning Board.

MTAG Grant

Mr. Whitley update the Committee on the first MTAG meeting that had taken place earlier that day with representatives from PlanNH, UNH Cooperative Extension, and Arnett Associates. The first order of business is to put together a steering committee of 9-12 people who are representative of a wide range of the Town. These people will be listening to others in town, interviewing people, and holding listening sessions. This work should be done by the end of May.

The EDC created the following Mission Statement for the steering committee:

“To obtain views from residents, officials, and businesses on development priorities concerning places to live, to guide future town planning.”

UNH Cooperative Extension will meet with the steering committee the week of March 25.

Potential Steering Committee Members organized by EDC member who is contacting:

Anna: LeeAnn Vance, Bob Wells, Anna Moskov

Steven: Janet Ward, Cindy Garland

Lester: Bill Chapin Sr., Dave Feller, Danny Cohen

Byron: Lee Wilder, Glenn Smart, Louise Carr

Steve: Greg Sagris, Jeff Donahoe, Kristen Johnson, John Lynch

Complete Streets

Ms. Wells updated the Committee on her presentation of Complete Streets to the Road Committee. There had been past reluctance, but the goal is to consider all modes of transit when road work decisions are being made. Adoption of this policy is not binding on any project. The Road Committee was receptive if it is focused on the villages and connector roads, places where this may make sense. The goal is for the policy to be simple and flexible. Ms. Wells will work on a draft to bring back to the EDC.

Land Swap

The Town is just waiting for the State to work through its process in regard to the land swap.

Town Meeting

Ms. Wells and Mr. Newman agreed to staff a table at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 16. The table will have information on work of EDC for people to see.

Other Items

Mr. Carr noted that his artwork is on display at Merrimack County Savings Bank.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal Cass, Town Administrator