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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

The meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Whitley at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018, in the Philip S. Dunlap Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Byron Carr, Jim Fredyma, Steve Lux, Jr., Erik Newman, Anna Wells, Julie Voisin,

Steven Whitley

Members Absent: Tom Congoran, Lester Cressy

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator)

The Committee welcomed Julie Voisin as the newest member of the EDC. She has experience in architecture, historic preservation, commercial development, and is now doing real estate investment.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of their previous meeting. Mr. Lux made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wells, to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2018. Mr. Whitley called for the vote.

VOTE: Carr, Fredyma, Lux, Newman, Wells, Voisin, and Whitley voting in favor of the

motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

MTAG Grant

The Town has been awarded the MTAG grant. The Select Board will be establishing a steering committee to work with Plan NH, Stuart Arnett, and the UNH Cooperative Extension Service. An initial meeting will be held in January. The EDC recommends that there be representation from the EDC, Planning Board, Select Board, Planning Department, "over 55" representative, and the Zoning Board. Mr. Fredyma is willing to represent the Planning Board and Ms. Wells said she would be willing to represent the EDC. Mr. Fredyma will be discussing this further with members of the Planning Board.

Land Swap

The appraiser hired by the Town is reviewing updated information and is preparing answers to questions posed by the State. It is expected that the response will be to the State the first week in January. The final swap will require Governor and Executive Council approval.

Sewer Extension

The Committee reviewed the plan for phase 1 and phase 2 sewer extension up Maple Street. The EDC will be discussion this with land owners and the Contoocook Village Precinct. Costs will be obtained for alternative locations.

Other Items

Mr. Carr suggested that the Bates Building could be used as a "messy projects" area for local artists and classes.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - Town Hall

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Neal Cass, Town Administrator