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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 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, March 21, 2019, in the Philip S. Dunlap Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Tom Congoran, Jim Fredyma, Steve Lux, Jr., Erik Newman, Anna Wells, Steven Whitley

Members Absent: Byron Carr, Lester Cressy

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 February 21, 2019. Mr. Whitley called for the vote.

VOTE: Congoran, Fredyma, Lux, Wells, and Whitley voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

MTAG Grant

The MTAG grant interview group will be meeting on Tuesday in the Community Room at the Library. The group consists of Louise Carr, Jeff Donahoe, Cindy Garland, Christa Johnson, Anna Moskov, Greg Sagris, LeeAnne Vance, Julie Voisin, and Steven Whitley.

Town Meeting Update

Mr. Whitley updated the committee on the results from Town Meeting:

- The authority to lease land at the transfer station for a solar array passed in both Hopkinton and Webster. It was very beneficial to have representative from Granite Apollo present to answer questions.
- The authority to sell the parcels at Hart's Corner also passed. The EDC will contact Mrs. Hart to continue discussion on her property. Bob Gerseny will be invited to the initial meeting.

Other Items

- Ms. Wells suggested that the EDC look at economic forecasting done by a professional to inform EDC planning. Good work on this has been done in Goffstown.

- Ms. Wells also suggested the EDC create a strategic plan for economic development. Hillsboro and Barrington have plans that can serve as models. As part of this plan the following should be considered:
 - What is the function of the EDC now, as the MTAG grant is moving forward?
 - What should the EDC be doing?
 - What areas of town should be focused on?
- The EDC would like to have a conversation with the owners near Exit 6 to see if there are things that the EDC can do to support the owners in this area.
- The covered bridge in Contoocook is getting painted this spring.
- Steve Lux is investigating a possible App for the community.
- The Town Administrator will investigate some recommended website changes.
- Erik Newman will investigate small business loans.
- Anna Wells will be meeting with Representative Kuster's office to discuss Complete Streets and Rail Trails

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal Cass, Town Administrator