

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, April 19th, 2018– 7:00 PM, HOPKINTON TOWN HALL

I. Administrative

Gerseny called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
Those in attendance included Gerseny, Vance, Lux, Wells, Wuellenweber, Carr and Quinn.
Minutes from February 15th meeting were approved as distributed.
Gerseny swore in new members Lux and Wells.

II. Key Tasks

The Committee reviewed the Town Meeting. Discussion of the well-practiced presentation and the Committee's community outreach indicated that we should continue to do so.

Gerseny updated the Committee on the Land Swap. Three appraisers were contacted, one declined to participate. Arol Charboneau was the least expensive option and he was asked to prepare appraisals. Tim Britain at the firm of Cleveland, Waters and Bass is preparing title searches for the properties.

LeeAnne Vance has agreed to lead the effort around Hart's Corner.
Tom Congoran has agreed to lead the effort around Exit 6.
Anna Wells has agreed to lead the effort in Contoocook Village.
Jim Fredyma has agreed to lead the effort at Burnham Intervale.

It was the consensus of the Committee that each sub-group would prepare goals and timeframes for their group for the May meeting.

Gerseny reviewed the NH Municipal Technical Assistance Grant Program (MTAG) and the Committee concluded that we should work to prepare an application to submit to the State.

Gerseny reviewed the Committee's budget and noted that we had funds for a business speaker and community outreach. Discussion ensued. The speech by Steve DuPrey was discussed. Duprey stressed that there were three issues that challenged business and would make Hopkinton more attractive to business: power, connectivity and transit. Anna Wells spoke about the need to identify and market those characteristics that make Hopkinton unique.

III. Next Meeting: May 17th and June's meeting will be held on June 21st. There are no meetings planned for July and August.

IV. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

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