



# Town of Hopkinton

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Public Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.**

*Hopkinton Town Hall*

**Members Present:** Louise Carr, Sam Delgado, Andrea Folsom, Jim Fredyma, Greg Sagris, Steven Whitley

**Members Absent:** Ian Hart, Alexander Pooler, Meredith Lee

**Public Present:** Byron Carr

**Staff Present:** Anna Wells

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Steven Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from [December 14, 2022](#)

Andrea Folsom made a motion to approve the *Economic Development Committee minutes of December 14, 2022*. Greg Sagris seconded. There was no discussion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

#### **III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. DOWNTOWNS AND TRAILS STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Committee discussed their ongoing outreach to assemble a Steering Committee for the Downtowns and Trails Program. To date, about 7 people have responded in the affirmative. The group will be finalized at the next meeting and a first meeting scheduled.

##### **2. RIVERWAY PARK PLANNING**

The group continued their discussion from the last meeting regarding Mr. Carr's concerns about the plans that were submitted for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for renovations of Riverway Park. The group decided to hold a public forum about the plan at a future date. Ms. Wells will post notice online as well as send information and invitations to various Town groups and media outlets. She will also create a webpage for the project on the EDC's website.

##### **3. HOUSING COMMISSION**

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of establishing a Housing Commission versus a Housing Committee. They ultimately decided to propose to the Select Board that a Housing Committee (rather than Commission) be established.

#### IV. UPDATES

1. RTP Grant (past; granted)  
Still waiting on TDS deed - Neal reached out on Tues, 1/3
2. T-Mobile Hometown Grant (submitted; notification in March)
3. InvestNH Housing Opportunity Planning Grants (Jan 27)  
Working on application for all three phases with Karen Robertson.
4. National Culvert Removal, Replacement & Restoration Grants (Feb 6)  
Determined EDC would not be submitting this grant.
5. AARP Community Challenge Grant (Spring 2023)  
Keeping an eye out for application details and deadline (should be released in Jan). Could be used for additional work to Riverway Park or another project (amounts vary - Wilton received \$20,000+ for a riverwalk).

#### 2. **Business Outreach**

Ms. Wells reported that she made edits to the survey and letter based on the Committee's suggestions from the last meeting and thanked them for their input. She is planning to reach out to the ERZ businesses over the next couple of weeks, hoping to schedule face-to-face meetings whenever possible.

#### 3. **Other Board/Committee Updates (as necessary)**

Planning Board update - original amendments going forward as proposed, not those suggested by the EDC.

#### V. OTHER

**Next Meeting Date(s):** January 18, 5:30pm, Town Hall

\*1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 5:30pm\*

#### **Additional important dates:**

1. *The Economic Development Director is scheduled to attend the Select Board meeting on Monday, January 9. Topics will include EDC recommendations for 2023 Town Meeting Warrant Articles.*
2. *EDC is scheduled to attend the Planning Board Meeting on January 10 @ 5:30pm for a discussion re: short- and long-term planning goals.*

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Andrea Folsom moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Delgado. There was no discussion.

**Motion passed 6-0** (Mr. Fredyma having joined the meeting).

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Wells, Economic Development Director