



# Town of Hopkinton

## Office of Select Board

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

The meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) was called to order by Steven Whitley on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Philip S. Dunlap Room at the Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Andrea Folsom, Jim Fredyma, Erik Newman, Anna Wells, and Steven Whitley

**Members Absent:** Byron Carr, and Tom Congoran

**Staff Present:** Neal Cass-Town Administrator

**Others Present:** Sean Weldon (Snomads)

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting. Ms. Folsom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wells, to approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2019. Mr. Whitley called for the vote.

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

#### **Snowmobile Trail Concerns**

Sean Weldon, a member of the Snomads Snowmobile Club met with the committee to notify them that the link of trail on the old railroad bed leading into Contoocook Village can no longer be used. TDS Telecom, the owners of the land have not given permission for the trail to go there. The Snomads are working to reroute the trail. They will also be meeting with the Select Board at their next meeting. Mr. Weldon noted that about 200 snowmobilers go to Dimitri's each week and this is just one of the businesses in the village that is visited by snowmobilers.

#### **MTAG Update**

Ms. Wells updated the Committee on the MTAG work noting that the ordinance changes are in the hands of the Planning Board. The language is being finalized for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Planning Board is supportive of this effort. A public conversation on the MTAG work will be taking place at the beginning of February.

#### **Complete Streets Update**

Ms. Wells reported that the Complete Streets Committee has officially been appointed and the charge has been adopted by the Select Board.

**Economic Development Director**

The Committee reviewed the draft, discussed, and made changes. The Town Administrator will update and send to Committee members for review.

**TIF District Language Review**

The Committee reviewed the TIF District language for both TIF District. They decided to recommend changes to the Hart's Corner TIF District language to clarify that multi-family housing is acceptable development for TIF District funds to be used.

Any EDC update at Town Meeting will be done as part of the TIF District language update.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall**  
**Joint Meeting with Henniker on the Route 202/9/Maple Street intersection**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neal Cass, Town Administrator