

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES**

JULY 13, 2016

PRESENT: Charlie Tentas (Chair), Andrew Cadorette (Vice-Chair), Cathy Whooten, Mark Lemay (BOS Rep) and Derek Horne, (EDC Coordinator).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 1, 2016 -

C. Whooten moved, seconded by A. Cadorette to approve the minutes as presented. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Review of Master Plan – Appendix B Economic Development

The Council reviewed Appendix B of the Master Plan and the Action Plan Matrix. Final recommendations will be provided at the August EDC meeting and then sent to the Planning Board. Derek stated that it seems all of Pinardville was included in the data. The land use action items were also distributed. The focus will be the draft memo to the Planning Board and the Action Plan Matrix. The items that identify the EDC have been highlighted in yellow. The infrastructure task force items were highlighted in green. The 2006 plan already included these items. Implementation was questioned. Studying the feasibility of a TIF District was done immediately. Two TIF Districts were recommended at Town Meeting. Both of those did not pass. Working with Hillsborough County was completed with the Charrette. The Board of Selectmen did meet with the County in 2015. Selectmen Lemay stated the County is not interested in selling any of their land. A. Cadorette stated there were many comments about being business friendly and streamlining the process. Perhaps, the Planning Board could encourage outreach, and streamline the process. We heard that communication needs to be enhanced. The Planning Board could research an accelerated process. Under the action steps, it talks about development and delivery. This responsibility would fall under EDC and Town staff. Derek met with Karen Henderson, President of Goffstown Main Street. They are doing some visioning sessions to see what their role will be. They will hold activities throughout the summer. At this time, they will not take the money from the Town. The Parks and Rec Commission have developed a recreational master plan. The recommendations should be general comments. You could support organizations and recruit community leaders. The State of NH is also trying to build up their public outreach. The Town's website will also be upgraded shortly, which will provide additional capabilities for promoting the Town of Goffstown.

EDSAT Recommendations

The Council reviewed the most recent process flowchart/checklist. Feedback will be sought from those members who were not present. The updated chart is much easier to follow. Staff may also need to assist the applicant through the flowchart and checklist process. The Chair of the Planning Board has been kept in the loop. A similar flow chart will be developed for a conceptual application. An updated copy will be provided for the next EDC meeting.

Economic Development Strategy

The Council reviewed the NH Economic Development FY2016-2017 Strategic Plan. Derek Horne provided the Council with a copy of the State's Economic Development Strategic Plan for 2016-17. Charlie stated that the BOS did mention they wanted to appoint a sub-committee for follow-through of the EDSAT recommendations. Selectman Lemay will speak with the Town Administrator about this matter. Derek highlighted four goals and objectives. Key industries were also identified for expansion and retention. Goal #2 talks about providing tools to local partners. The State of NH is also developing a State Selector Tool for a new Site Selector website. C. Tentas also mentioned that he would like to attend a future Trade Show. Further review will occur at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

An Article from the Boston Sunday Globe regarding housing was distributed to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Whooten moved, seconded by A. Cadorette to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Duffy

Approved by EDC with no changes at 08/03/2016 meeting.