

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 9, 2010

Present were members H. Gregory Johnson, Gus Lerandeau, David Cairns, Bill Hutwelker and Eric Stanley.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Greg Johnson.

Approval of minutes of prior meeting. The Committee voted to approve as written the minutes of their meeting of June 14, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS – Johnson informed the Committee that he has been unable to make contact with Patrice Nesbitt. He has heard that she has started another business. The Committee voted to move forward without Nesbitt and keep working on the business list in house.

The Committee reviewed the draft letter that will be sent to businesses on the list which Beth Fox prepared. The Committee agreed to approve the letter with correction of the word completed in third paragraph and suggested that Fox mail these letters out and the ones that don't reply, the Committee will contact them directly. Gus also noted that Fox be thanked for her preparation of the letter.

Johnson asked the Committee if they felt a letter should be sent to the Selectmen giving them an update. Johnson said he would review the prior letter sent, make changes and the Committee can then review it at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Invitation to tour Homestead Mill with other town officials tentatively on 9/15/10. Hutwelker felt this would be a good idea for EDAC to get involved. Hutwelker informed the Committee of the prior four variances that were granted to Homestead Mill. Johnson asked if after taking the tour, the Committee should then attend the Zoning Board meetings. Lerandeau said no, we just want to make the building viable. Hutwelker felt that the Committee should attend the Planning Board meetings just to get a better understanding of the planning process but not to become involved as far as EDAC goes. The Committee agreed to participate in the tour.

Johnson read an email from Cheshire TV inviting a member of EDAC to be a guest on their "What's On Top" segment. Lerandeau felt they should not attend in light of the recent situation with Cheshire TV's public notice about Swanzeay and that the Committee should let things calm down for a few months.

Cairns informed the Committee of the upcoming ground breaking for Camp Squanto and that he would like EDAC to get involved in this.

Cairns expressed his concern regarding the Welcome To Swanzeay sign that was just recently placed in the triangle (state owned property) on Route 32. It was placed behind the Route 32 sign and feels that one of the signs should be moved. The Committee agreed to speak to Fox about this and discuss it further at next meeting of September 13, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Donna Munson
Recording Secretary