

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 8, 2010

Present were Arthur Boufford, Greg Johnson, Eric Stanley, Gus Lerandean, Bill Hutwelker and Town Administrator Beth Fox.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the last meeting of January 19, 2010 voting to accept the minutes as written.

Bob Furlone owner of American Construction, was invited to attend the meeting. Johnson informed him that EDAC is an advisory committee in its 2nd year and works with the Selectmen to establish a plan to bring economic development into the community as well as helping business owners with any issues they may have. Furlone informed the committee that he is seeking to develop additional buildings approximately 5,000 – 7,000 sq. ft. and his intentions to install a solar array system which would be used to supply electricity to the businesses. There are none in the state of New Hampshire. Johnson asked if this would interfere with the airport. Furlone stated that it would not because it would only stand about 3 ft. high and would be non-reflective. Lerandean asked if Furlone was pursuing the construction of the buildings and asked about the taxation of the solar array. Fox informed the Committee that research on taxes for these systems is ongoing. Furlone said he would be ready to approach the Planning Board in a couple of months. Stanley asked about supplying the other businesses in the area. Furlone PUC states that there needs to be only one meter. No other comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS – Committee discussed updating of the Swanzey business list. Cairns, Stanley and Hutwelker have been working on it. Johnson suggested the committee make it the first order of business for the next meeting. Stanley also suggested that if anyone had any changes before then to let him know. Fox suggested inclusion in the list of tax map and lot numbers.

Update on the website design and implementation. Fox informed the Committee that the final design pages are being reviewed. They also need to work on the content. Johnson asked if the re-designed website would be up and running by the next meeting. Fox felt that it would be.

NEW BUSINESS – New member recruitment was discussed and it was suggested that Tiffany of Hanna Grimes be approached for new member suggestions.

Boufford shared information he received from the Chamber of Commerce relative to a breakfast on March 15, 2010. Cost of \$25.00 per person. The Committee agreed to sponsor the attendance of up to four committee members. Members attending will be reimbursed by the Town.

Fox distributed a draft letter to send to the local Realtors/Developers explaining what EDAC is/does and asked that they review it.

Motion to adjourn by Hutwelker. Seconded by Stanley.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Donna Munson
Recording Secretary