

**SWANZEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES - APRIL 9, 2012**

Note: Minutes are not final until reviewed and approved by the Committee. Review and approval generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Steven Bittel. Members present: Steven Bittel, David Krisch, H. Gregory Johnson, Arthur Boufford, David Cairns, Amy Bush and Guy Pronesti. Town Planner Sara Carbonneau was also present.

EDAC members welcomed new member Amy Bush.

Minutes: By consensus, minutes from March 12, 2012 were approved as submitted.

FastRoads: Bittel updated members on the FastRoads project, noting that the build-out for southwestern New Hampshire is scheduled for sometime early next year (2013). As mentioned previously, this project would run fiber down Route 32. It was noted that engineering for the FastRoads project would be starting soon and that it is important for Swanzey to be involved early in the process. Bittel stated that he has learned that "dark fiber" exists on Route 12. Bittel also informed members that there may be issues regarding pole rights over to the west side of Town.

Bittel provided members with a list of property owners in the TIF District, noting that this district has also been certified as an Economic Revitalization Zone. Bittel stated that pursuing business connections to the FastRoads network in this area is a project that he sees as "do-able." Members discussed a "Business After Hours" session on June 27th at 6 p.m. to discuss with local business owners connecting to the FastRoads network. Bittel and Johnson will check on the availability of FastRoads staff/engineers on this date. Carbonneau to check on the availability of the KSC Camp on Wilson Pond. Members suggested that all businesses in Town be invited to the June 27th meeting; list of businesses to be generated from EDAC's prior survey and responses of businesses in Town.

Brochures: Bouffard shared ideas for brochure development. Members discussed the purpose of the brochure and the type of information to be contained therein. It was determined that the brochure would be available on the Town's website. Limited printing of the brochure (perhaps printing the brochure directly from the website) would be encouraged to keep costs down, decrease storage space and ensure timeliness of the brochure.

Hannah Grimes - Cairns stated that he last met with MaryAnn Kristensen in February. He stated that the owners of the Homestead Woolen Mills have been in contact with HG, discussing the possibility of a manufacturing incubator.

Krisch reported that Laura King from the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce has offered to speak with the Committee. Members stated that they would appreciate meeting with her, but wished to do so after the FastRoads business meeting has concluded.

Johnson discussed support for the Committee's mission from the Board of Selectmen, stating that he felt that a Selectman should be in attendance at the meetings. Krisch stated that the Board of Selectmen support the work of EDAC and encourage feedback from the Committee. However, Krisch noted that time constraints limit the direct involvement and attendance by Selectmen.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Bittel. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Town Planner