

**SWANZEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - JUNE 11, 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 5:10 p.m. by Chair Steven Bittel. Members present: Steven Bittel, H. Gregory Johnson, David Cairns, and Guy Pronesti. Town Planner Sara Carbonneau and guest Doug Brown were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Johnson to approve the minutes from May 14, 2012. Seconded by Cairns. Vote: All in favor.

June 27th Internet Presentation: Members discussed the June 27th internet presentation at KSC's camp on Wilson Pond. Bittel presented a proposed schedule and list of tasks that need to be completed. Johnson suggested that some time be devoted to discussing the status of other internet options in town. Bittel noted that even if businesses currently have high speed fiber internet, it would be worth while for them to attend, as it may provide information to assist them in negotiating contracts with their providers. Additional invitees were noted - Carbonneau will send out formal invitations to these people.

Pronesti left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Homestead Woolen Mills: Doug Brown discussed opportunities and challenges facing the Homestead Woolen Mills property. Brown noted that interest in renting space in the mill has increased somewhat in the last six months, but nothing has come to fruition. Brown noted that they have listed the property (in part, to keep the property in the spotlight), as well as other properties owned by Homestead Woolen Mills.

Brown stated that he has spoken with Mary Ann Kristiansen from Hannah Grimes regarding potential incubator space in the mill. At this time, the idea is on the back burner due to other pending commitments of Hannah Grimes.

Carbonneau noted that the Town has applied for a Plan NH grant and is "in the running." Carbonneau informed Brown and EDAC members that the focus of the grant application is for the Main Street area in the West village. However, it is clear that entities in the West village, such as Cutler School and the Homestead Woolen Mills complex would certainly be a stakeholder in the process. Brown expressed that the Plan NH process was a very good one and that he would be supportive of such a project.

Next meeting after the June 27th forum is scheduled for July 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Bittel. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sara H. Carbonneau
Town Planner