

**SWANZEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 10, 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, H. Gregory Johnson, David Cairns, Arthur Boufford, Amy Bush and Guy Pronesti. Town Planner Sara Carbonneau and Town Administrator Shane O'Keefe were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Bittel to approve the minutes from June 27, 2012. Seconded by Bush. Vote: All in favor.

Airport Development Study Committee - Johnson reported that the Friends of the Airport Committee was established to assess the potential for future development on the airport property. While no formal feedback from the committee has been received, initial findings seem to indicate that there is more developable land than initially thought. It was suggested that Johnson check on the status of the committee's findings in early 2013.

Homestead Woolen Mills: Johnson stated that the Homestead Woolen Mills property is on the market and that the tenants have been served notices to quit. Johnson noted that some of the tenants are seeking new locations from which to operate. EDAC members suggested that the committee might want to offer assistance to these tenants. Johnson to obtain a list of the current tenants at the mill.

Discussion ensued as to what would happen to the mill in the future. Carbonneau stated that there have been discussions about "moth-balling" the mill. Johnson noted that the Brown family is open to any suggestions/ideas as to future use - including the possibility of utilizing the property for a municipal complex. O'Keefe stated that he was unfamiliar with the property. EDAC members suggested that it might be useful for O'Keefe and the Board of Selectmen to tour the premises. Johnson also suggested that the Town may want to consider funding a study to explore re-use of the property.

EDAC Membership: It was noted that Krisch submitted his resignation from the Committee. Bittel noted that Lyn Rust had indicated that he may be interested in filling the position. O'Keefe stated that he did not believe that he had a completed volunteer form from Mr. Rust.

Brochures: Boufford stated that he did not feel that producing hard copies of a brochure would be useful. Rather, he felt that a brochure that could be posted on the Town's website. This would also provide an opportunity to update the on-line brochure as needed. Boufford provided sample pages from LaCrosse, Washington. Motion by Bittel to produce an on-line brochure, utilizing LaCrosse, Washington's pages as a model. Seconded by Pronesti. Vote: All in favor. It was decided that Boufford, Bush and Carbonneau would get together to develop a list of recommendations for the website and the on-line brochure.

Broadband: Bittel will monitor developments regarding broadband and will report back to the Committee as needed.

Hannah Grimes: Cairns reported that he has no further information to provide.

The Granite Fund: Bittel stated that a presentation on The Granite Fund will take place on Thursday, September 13th. Bittel is unavailable to attend and stated that if someone else would like to attend, they should contact him.

October Meeting: The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 15th (as Town Hall is closed on Monday, October 8th, for the Columbus Day Holiday).

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

Submitted by,

Sara H. Carbonneau
Town Planner