

**SWANZEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 13, 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 David Krisch. Members present: David Krisch, H. Gregory Johnson, David Cairns and Steven Bittel. Town Administrator Beth Fox and Town Planner Sara Carbonneau were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Cairns to approve the minutes from January 9, 2012 as submitted. Seconded by Bittel. Vote: All in favor.

NH FastRoads: Bittel reported on the 2/8/12 FastRoads meeting for local officials. Essentially, community anchor institutions in the Swanzey area are scheduled to have fiber run to the buildings sometime later this year. Bittel stated that he felt that EDAC should be actively involved in exploring ways to connect businesses to the fiber network. Bittel suggested that EDAC may want to work with the Swanzey Revenue Development Committee to develop a plan to initially connect business located in the TIF District. Bittel questioned whether the TIF District can utilize TIF funds to run fiber. Fox stated that she would look into this. Bittel and Johnson will seek someone to speak at the next EDAC meeting who has expertise in running fiber networks and connecting to the FastRoads system.

Swanzey Uncovered: Krisch stated that if EDAC wishes to submit articles for Swanzey Uncovered, they are encouraged to do so. When calls for articles for the next edition of the newsletter is announced, Krisch stated that he would make sure that EDAC members are so advised.

EDAC Mission Statement: Krisch presented a draft to Committee members. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

Brochures: Krisch stated that EDAC may want to consider producing 2 types of brochures - one for existing business and one for potential

businesses. Krisch encouraged any one who has examples of brochures from other committees to provide the same to Arthur Boufford.

Hannah Grimes: Cairns stated that he has been in contact with Mary Ann Kristiansen the Hannah Grimes Center. EDAC members agreed that supporting the work of the HGC was important, endorsing Cairns involvement with the Center.

Krisch: Krisch stated that his last meeting as Chair of EDAC would occur in March. Krisch stated that he will be moving out of the area sometime within the year. (Cairns noted that he will be unable to attend the March meeting.)

Motion by Krisch to adjourn. Seconded by Bittel. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sara H. Carbonneau
Town Planner