

Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 30th, 2019 Town Hall

Present: Chair Jeff Hiatt, Jill Boynton, Mike Donahue, Vice Chair, Bob Raymond, John Lamson, Selectman Ted Connors, Alicia Busconi, Business Owner Dave Caswell, Jordan Strater, ED Project Manager and Town Administrator Martha Roy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes Approval: M. Donahue moved to approve the minutes of April 24th, 2019. T. Connors seconded the motion with all in favor.

ED Website Review:

J. Strater stated that CivicsPlus is working on drafting the webpage. Jill Mike and Jordan completed the final draft of the content. Jordan showed the Google map of properties that might be used for the page.

ED Bylaws Review:

M Donahue reviewed various edits to be recommended to the Selectmen for approval. The Committee was in favor.

Economic Opportunity Zone Report:

J. Hiatt and J. Strater reported on the details of an EOZ after attending a meeting about same in Derry. Based on the information they gathered Newington does not currently qualify for an EOZ designation however it is important information to keep for the future.

Fall Events:

The **Business Appreciation Reception** will be Thursday, September 12th (5-7pm at the Town Hall). Catering will be discussed with Stoneface Brewery; the auditorium sound system will be used to play music. Invitations will be delivered to each CEO of major Newington

companies with an invitation extended to them and 2 guests of their choosing.

The **Commercial Brokers Mixer is set for Thursday, October 17th from 5-7 pm** with location to be determined. The Committee discussed a vacant building in the commercial district as being the preferred location. Presentations about available properties and major projects (Developments underway such as Northeast Credit Union Corporate headquarters and new office building on Great Buffet lot) were emphasized. M Donahue stated that it was important for the committee members to mingle with all attendees.

M. Roy will coordinate with J. Strater to get a list of companies and contacts.

Future Maritime Presentation:

M. Donahue stated Geno Marconi, Port Director, was recovering from surgery and not immediately available.

Speaker Presentations: The Derry ED Director or Salem ED Director will be approached after G. Marconi.

Development Update:

The Committee reviewed the Planner's report regarding new development.

The Committee celebrated J. Strater's UNH graduation with cake.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 27th at 6pm.

Adjournment: M. Donahue moved to adjourn. J. Boynton seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Roy
Town Administrator