

Town of Newington, NH  
Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 3, 2018 Town Hall

Selectman Ted Connors called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Present:** Ted Connors, Selectman, Mike Marconi, Selectman, Jeff Hiatt, Jennifer Kent Wiener, Bob Raymond, Jill Boynton, Mike Donahue, Alicia Busconi, Key Point Partners, Gerald Coogan, Town Planner, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

Ted Connors believes that Newington is at a crossroads and this committee will address several issues facing Newington. Some of these issues are the future of the Mall, the recruitment of new industries and the overflow of businesses from Pease.

T. Connors showed a video promoting Newington. M. Roy will email the video to each member of the committee. Please email all your comments and thoughts to Martha Roy.

M. Roy explained the different zoning districts in town. The difference between commercial and office is that office can't be retail. Newington has recently created a new zone in town called the Economic Revitalization Zone. This zone offers businesses in that zone a state tax break if they expand or create new jobs.

Alicia spoke about the future of malls in general and what some other towns are doing to transform their current malls. Many towns are changing their retail malls to "mixed use" malls. The idea is to give the consumer an experience. Mix residential, medical, gyms, concert space and restaurants.

Newington's tax base is distributed as follows:

Commercial	21%
Utility Industry	50%
Industry	11%
Residential	17%

The committee discussed the future of Pease and their available space in the future. There are 10,000 people working in the Pease area. They currently only have 10 lots left for development. How does Newington get some of the overflow from businesses. T. Connors will reach out to Peggy Lamson and Peter Loughlin to invite them to the next meeting to speak about Pease.

T. Connors thought the extension of Wilcox Way all the way to Gosling is the key in attracting new industry to that area. There are 3 or 4 buildable lots there.

The committee discussed when the next meeting should be. A Tuesday or Thursday at 6pm seemed to work for the majority of members.

M. Roy will contact the committee when a date is set.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy  
Recorder