

Town of Newington, NH
Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 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, Brandon Arsenault, Mike Donahue, Alicia Busconi, Key Point Partners, Peggy Lamson and Peter Loughlin, Pease Development Authority Representatives for Newington and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

Pease Development Authority History-Peggy Lamson and Peter Loughlin PDA Representatives:

P. Lamson and P. Loughlin gave a short history of the Portsmouth Development Authority. At the beginning of the development process it was proposed that there be a theme park located on the property. That never happened and slowly businesses began to come to the PDA. There is over 4 million square feet of office space at Pease. There are currently only three parcels left for development. This is a prime time for Newington to approach the PDA to ask them to funnel prospective businesses to Newington. Members of the Committee inquired about the Municipal Service Agreement and asked P. Loughlin to get the committee a copy. J. Hiatt wondered if it would benefit Newington to proceed now to try and get some municipal payment to Newington from Pease. T. 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.

Election of Officers: The Committee tabled this item.

Website Committee: T. Connors explained that the Town's current website is geared towards information for the Town residents. It has been suggested that our website should reflect the Town's desire to attract businesses and the benefits of relocating to Newington. The Committee would like T. Connors to invite the NH Bureau of Economic Affairs to a future meeting to go over their recommended changes to the website.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The Committee decided to meet the last Thursday of the month.

Alicia Busconi let the Committee know that Simon is no longer managing the Fox Run Mall. Spinozo is the new manager. She is not sure what this means for the mall's future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Boy
Recorder