

Town of Newington, NH
Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 30, 2018 Town Hall

Chair Brandon Arsenault called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Present: Chair Brandon Arsenault, Ted Connors, Selectman, Jill Boynton, Jennifer Kent Weiner, Jerry Coogan, Town Planner and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

The Committee reviewed the July 26, 2018 minutes. B. Arsenault called for a motion to approve the minutes. **J. Kent Weiner moved to approve the July 26, 2018 minutes. J. Boynton seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Business Visitation: The Committee reviewed the business visitation questions. J. Kent Weiner wanted to clarify that the questions would be sent to the business before the actual visitation happens. This was confirmed. The Committee discussed the list of companies on the list to be visited and decided that it was a good cross section.

CIBOR Outreach: B. Arsenault appointed Jeff Hiatt and Mike Donahue to the CIBOR subcommittee.

Planning Board Meeting Overview: B. Arsenault reviewed his visit to a recent Planning Board meeting. He told the Committee what the EDC is working on and that he would like to work collaboratively with the Planning Board. B. Arsenault saw the value of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board reviewing business development. The Committee discussed the low value versus high value property uses and potential changes to the Zoning Ordinance. M. Roy suggested that the EDC develop a list of zoning items to consider. G. Coogan explained the benefits of a mixed use property. He believed it created a little village; place to work and play. T. Connors mentioned the Village Green in Portsmouth. M. Roy will forward data provided by the Asst. City Manager of Portsmouth on the subject. G. Coogan explained that the Town could structure zoning to list only one bedroom. J. Kent Weiner asked if the Town needs to grow. G. Coogan explained that the State requires reasonable opportunities for workforce housing. Newington has very limited land for this kind of housing.

The Committee discussed various developments coming to town. Sprague is expanding. Wilcox Way is going to be extended to Gosling Road. This will open up new developable lots and move truck traffic off of Woodbury.

J. Kent Weiner updated the Committee on the UNH intern. Interviews will begin next Thursday.

B. Arsenaault suggested that the committee give Stoneface 5 minutes at the mixer to tell about their experience here in Newington.

J. Boynton moved to adjourn at 6:52 pm. J. Kent Weiner seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator