

Town of Boscawen
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Randall – Chair, John Porter – Vice Chair; Adele Sanborn, Lorrie Carey – Ex-Officio & Vincent Pagano – Central NH Regional Planning Commission, Jacob Martin, Tom Laliberte, and Mason Donovan – Alternate

Members Excused: Sean Goldman

Staff Present: Kellee Easler – Planning and Community Development Director

Guests Present: Casey DeStefano – Century 21 Northeast

Chair Randall opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and completed roll call.

Minutes: Vice Chair Porter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Sandborn. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business:

2024 Meeting Dates: The EDC agreed upon the meeting dates presented for 2024 and would like to keep the July 2nd meeting and cancel the November 5th meeting and schedule a meeting if needed.

Finalize 2nd Annual Pumpkin Ride and Walk Date: The EDC set the date for next year's Pumpkin Ride and Walk for October 5th, 2024. Mr. Donovan gave a recap of the first annual Pumpkin Ride and Walk. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien will get the business directory out to the members to go over in January to send mailers out to businesses to inform them about the Pumpkin Ride and Walk.

Affordable Housing Opportunities Discussion: Casey DeStefano with 21ST Century said she had a meeting with Joe Spain, and he suggested she come and speak to the Town of Boscawen regarding extended stay hotels. She explained that she owns a property in Concord and is receiving push back due to zoning constraints of the City. She presented two model types to the EDC, one being a 3D printed home and monolithic domes. Discussion was had about the transient population and how it would affect the school. The homes are only 315 sq ft to 530 sq ft. There should be a limited effect on the schools due to the size of the homes. The homes can be put up within 2 weeks to 2 months. The extended stay hotel would run like a hotel where you would select an arrival date and then a leaving date and you can extend the stay if the room is not booked. Discussion was had about diminishing the agricultural look of the town.

Other Business: Vice Chair Porter asked Ex-Officio Carey about the Storrs Bridge Kiosk and her idea for that. Ex-Officio Carey explained there was money put aside to commemorate the Storrs Bridge and said they could put up a pavilion with information regarding the Storrs Bridge.

Mr. Donovan motioned to recommend to the Select Board to put up a pavilion to commemorate the Storrs Bridge project and have the Chair speak to the Select Board on the committee's behalf. Seconded by Vice Chair Porter. All in favor. None opposed.

Vincent Pagano with CNHRPC reminded the EDC that Bridgett Beckwith will at the meeting to discuss the ERZ District and will be able to answer questions for businesses that are in the district.

Chair Randall motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Chair Porter. All in favor. None opposed.

The next meeting will be held on January 2nd, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien.