

**Town of Boscawen
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Boscawen Municipal Complex
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Barbara Randall—Chair; John Porter—Vice Chair; Mason Donovan; Michael Tardiff— Executive Director of Central NH Regional Planning Commission; Jacob Martin; Lorrie Carey —Ex Officio

Members Excused: Adele Sanborn; Caroletta Alicea

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Kellee Jo Easler—Planning & Community Development Director; Kearsten O'Brien—Deputy Planning & Community Development Director

Guests Present: Tom MacMullin-Kentek

Chair Randall opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Deputy PCD Director O'Brien completed roll call.

Minutes:

Vice Chair Porter motioned to accept the 10.03.22 draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Ex Officio Carey. All in favor. None opposed.

New Business:

Presentation of Kentek: Tom MacMullin, the owner of Kentek, came to speak with the Economic Development Committee. Kentek was started back in 1983 by a Raytheon Engineer. He was living Suncook, New Hampshire and started the business in the basement of his home. In the late 1980s he moved the company into a small house in Pittsfield, New Hampshire. In the year 2000, Mr. MacMullin joined Kentek and he helped move the company into a bigger house in Pittsfield. In 2011, Mr. MacMullin purchased the company. Currently, they have 42 employees and they are a self-propelled company. The products consist of laser goggles or glasses, laser barrier curtains, movable barrier curtains. They sell to industrial businesses, universities with laboratories, government and, medical markets. Mr. MacMullin purchased five Jarado Way. He renovated the entire building and did an asbestos abatement. The asbestos was found in small amounts when he purchased the building but now is completely gone. Mr. MacMullin put in a new septic in the front of the building. He also put in a new private water

line extension which was about \$80,000. They have improved the drainage with catch basins. The site work was around \$600,000 and was done to be able to use the building. Mr. Donovan asked what potential positions Kentek may have in the near future. Mr. MacMullin said probably manufacturing and he would possibly like to hire someone with machining skills. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien informed Mr. MacMullin that Kentek is within the Economic Revitalization Zone and if he had any questions to let her know. Mr. MacMullin said they do apply annually for the research and development credit. Mr. Donovan asked how the business did during Covid. Mr. MacMullin said sales were down by 25% but he did not let anyone go. In terms of production, they only missed a week. Chair Randall asked what the Economic Development Committee could do for Kentek or do better for Kentek. Mr. MacMullin said at the moment nothing, but if there is anything he thinks of he will let the committee know.

2023 Fall Festival Proposal:

Deputy PCD Director wanted to touch base with the EDC about what the Committee's thoughts were on who to invite to the festival next year and if the committee would like to only focus on in town businesses. The EDC agreed that local businesses should have first priority and then invite businesses in neighboring towns. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien asked about having food trucks along with inviting small craft vendors. The EDC agreed that both should be invited. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien will work on drafting up a letter and sign up sheet. She is hopeful to send the letters out by April of 2023.

79-E Discussion: Deputy PCD Director presented the 79-E covenants that were reviewed by Town Counsel. Deputy PCD Director also presented the application for the EDC to review. She said the Town does not have a historian to do the review as part of the application. Ex-Officio Carey suggested that it be done by an outside agency prior to the submission of the application.

Mr. Donovan motioned to accept the recommendations made to the covenants and to add them to the 79-E Covenants. Seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business:

Municipal Transportation Tax: Deputy PCD Director would like at least one member of the EDC to come to the Select Board meeting November 10th, 2022 to explain and answer any questions about 79-E in hopes that the Select Board would recommend it as a warrant article for 2023 Town Meeting. Chair Randall said she would attend.

The next meeting will be held on December 5th, 2022.

Mr. Donovan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien.