

**Town of Boscawen  
Economic Development  
Municipal Building  
FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Mason Donovan — Chair; Barbara Randall—Vice Chair; John Porter; Lorrie Carey — Ex-Officio; Adele Sanborn

**Excused:** Caroletta Alicea

**Staff Present:** Kellee Jo Easler—Planning & Community Development Director; Mike Tardiff, Executive Director —Central NH Regional Planning Commission; Kearsten O'Brien— Deputy Planning & Community Development Director

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Vice Chair Randall opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

**Mr. John Porter motioned to accept the minutes from November, Ms. Carey seconded. All in favor. None opposed.**

Deputy Planning and Community Development Director Kearsten O'Brien presented the EDC members with a chart of all the properties within the 79-E district and ERZ district. She informed the committee that she had spoken with a real estate agent who has knowledge with ERZ and 79-E and would be will to speak with the EDC about what commercial real estate buyers look for when they are purchasing property. The committee decided it would be a good idea to have her come in and speak with them. Executive Director Michael Tardiff and Deputy PCD Director O'Brien spoke about sending out post cards reminding businesses within the ERZ district that the deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>. The postcard would also remind them that it can give them a break from their business profit tax. Postcards will be sent out on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Vice Chair Randall suggested doing an educational workshop in the spring or in the fall for the following year to have a better understanding of the ERZ.

Ex-Officio Carey said that Sam Niebling said he will not be able to do the Rail Trail Kiosk. Ex-Officio Carey said she will touch base with Jack Shields with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail. Mr. Porter informed the EDC that he spoke with Suzanne Maze the owner of Black Forest Nursery about the EDC and he also tried to touch base with Hackleboro. Mrs. Adele Sanborn would like some talking points to address with the businesses. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said she will send out the list of points to the committee members. Ex-Officio Carey suggested going to a water precinct meeting and talk to the commissioners about the EDC and the opportunities the water precinct may have with new development and the King Street project. PCD Director Easler will reach out to the commissioners and Executive Director Tardiff and Chair Donovan plan to attend the next water precinct meeting.

79-E will be a warrant article going to Town Meeting this year. Executive Director Tardiff suggested getting more information out there to give the voters a better understanding. Every application is reviewed and approved by the Select Board. Therefore, if it is something that is not a rise in tide for the Town, the Select Board can deny the application. Ex-Officio Carey said the bank maybe a good place to start because they would know who their clients would be looking to purchase property along King Street or

build up their business. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said that she will reach out to the bank to see if they have a representative that would be willing to come to the next meeting to discuss 79-E. Chair Donovan asked if 79-E passes at Town Meeting when will it become effective. Executive Director Tardiff said that day.

Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said that Human Services Administrator Sarah Gerlack approached her and asked if the EDC would be interested in hosting a job fair. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien said the more she thought of it, why not turn it into a job fair/member recruitment for all committees. The EDC members liked the idea and Deputy PCD Director O'Brien will work more with Human Services Administrator Gerlack and report back to the committee.

**The next meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Ex-Officio Carey motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Porter All in favor. None opposed.**

*Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien.*