

Town of Boscawen
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Boscawen Municipal Complex
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Caroletta Alicea

Staff Present: Kearsten O'Brien—Deputy Planning & Community Development Director

Guests Present: Jacob Martin

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 09.07.22 draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Adele Sanborn. All in favor. None opposed.

New Business:

2023 Harvest Festival Proposal: Deputy PCD Director O'Brien has spoken with the Agricultural Commission about the 2023 Fall Festival. AgCom would like the EDC to spear head the event which is what Deputy O'Brien was thinking as well. She would like to see each Committee and or Commission run a section of the event themselves and she would be the facilitator of the event. Deputy O'Brien said that the EDC will focus on attracting the business vendors and the food to the event. AgCom will think of Agricultural type of events to host at the festival. Deputy O'Brien also said she would like to include Old Home Day as well to be able to have their Town Wide Yard Sale and Craft Fair at the event as well. Chair Randall asked where the event be. Deputy O'Brien said she was envisioning it at Jamie Welch Field. Mrs. Sanborn asked what the anticipated date would be. Deputy O'Brien said October 14th, 2023 which is a Saturday and after Columbus Day weekend and Fair Season. The EDC committee will continue to discuss the event and brainstorm ideas.

Old Business:

ERZ & 79-E updated: Deputy O'Brien updated the ERZ & 79-E chart. This now shows all the current owners of the properties and if they are a new business. Deputy Director O'Brien

suggested inviting Elektrisola, as a long-standing business in Town, and B&S Diesel, being a new business, to attend an EDC meeting to discuss the ERZ and any other possible questions they may have of the committee. The Economic Development Committee agreed to invite them to a meeting. Deputy O'Brien also stated she is still waiting on the covenants for 79-E.

Municipal Transportation Tax: Deputy O'Brien said that Town Clerk Hoyt sent her an email with the number of reminder letters she sends out to residents to register their vehicles. There is not a way for her to see the physical number of vehicles registered in Town. Deputy O'Brien stated that the Planning Board did recommend the Municipal Transportation Tax to be at the \$5.00 maximum. CNHRPC Director Michael Tardiff said that if the EDC still has concerns about the Agricultural Vehicles that it may be a good thing to try to get legislation to consider changing. He suggested also speaking to the Farm Bureau about and seeing if they would be in support. Vice Chair Porter said he would suggest going for the \$5.00 and work on the legislative part.

Chair Randall motioned to recommend the \$5.00 Municipal Transportation Tax as a Warrant Article to the Select Board. Seconded by Mr. Donovan. All in favor. None opposed.

Other Business:

2023 Meeting Dates: Deputy O'Brien suggested moving the EDC meetings for 2023 to the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM. This will eliminate changes to the schedule due to the Monday Holidays. This will also allow for the committee have joint meetings with Planning Board if needed for future projects such as King Street. The only date that is a holiday is the 4th of July and would like them to meet on the 5th instead for that month or they can take that month off.

Mr. Donovan motioned to change the 2023 meeting dates to the first Tuesday of the month. Seconded by Ex-Officio Carey. None opposed.

New Membership: Jacob Martin of 225 Water Street would like to join the EDC. He has recently taken an interest in local government. He would like to learn more about the businesses within Boscawen.

Chair Randall motioned to accept Jacob Martin to the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Ex-Officio Carey. All in favor. None opposed.

The next meeting will be held on November 7th, 2022.

Mrs. Sanborn motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ex Officio Carey. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien.