

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Loudon Economic Development Committee Meeting**

February 2, 2023

**Attendees: EDC Members:** Jeff Miller, Jimmie Hinson, and Tom Blanchette. Central NH Regional Planning Commission: Mike Tardiff, Vincent Pagano

The February 2 meeting of the Loudon Economic Development Committee (EDC) began at 5:35 pm.

The members of the EDC considered the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes for approval. Upon a motion by Jeff Miller and a second by Jimmie Hinson, the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

The members of the EDC discussed the request for proposals (RFP) to support for broadband consultant assistance that would utilize the up to \$5,000 in available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The draft RFP had been proposed to and approved by the Loudon Board of Selectmen. Mike Tardiff said there have been no responses to the RFP. Mr. Tardiff mentioned he spoke with Mission Broadband about the scope of work. Mission Broadband explained they did not want to do work that has already been complete and mentioned the FCC National Broadband Map, a website that shows the internet service providers (ISPs) and level of service available at each residential location, could be adequate.

Mike Tardiff proposed a revised RFP that requests support and technical assistance and coordination with Loudon and the Board of Selectmen and/or the Loudon EDC but does not include mapping. Jeff Miller suggested changing the date of the completion of work be changed to June 1. Mr. Tardiff explained there are not many companies that are doing this type of work.

The Loudon EDC then reviewed the quality of the FCC National Broadband Map by viewing the addresses of their own homes and confirmed the data is accurate.

Jimmie Hinson suggested to have residents check their addresses and note if the data about ISP and broadband availability are accurate/ Mike Tardiff suggested a survey posted to the EDC web page or Town of Loudon Facebook page.

Vincent Pagano confirmed the postcards reminding property owners in the Economic Revitalization Zones in Loudon that they may be eligible for tax credits, and the deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting of the LEDC will be held on March 2 beginning at 5:30pm.

Upon motion by Jeff Miller and a second by Jimmie Hinson the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Pagano

