

Meeting Notes

Loudon Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, October 29, 2018

Attendees: EDC Members: Tom Blanchette (Chair), Rodney Phillips (Vice-Chair), Jim O'Neill, Stan Prescott, Stephen Caine, and Jeff Miller. Central NH Regional Planning Commission: Mike Tardiff. Others: Fire Department Deputy Chief William Lake.

The October meeting of the Loudon Economic Development Committee began at 5:02pm.

The meeting opened with a review of the September 24 EDC meeting notes. Upon a motion by Jim O'Neill and a second by Stephen Caine, the motion to accept the September 24 EDC meeting notes was approved unanimously.

Deputy Chief Lake attended to provide a follow up to the "Pathway to Success" discussion regarding to the development review process that was discussed at the September EDC meeting. He distributed information that he had collected on procedures for new commercial development in Loudon, noting that it is not an all-inclusive list, but a guideline. He also distributed a list of Frequently Asked Questions and discussed a potential zoning ordinance amendment that would require an approved fully addressable fire alarm system for new commercial businesses. Stan Prescott asked if area communities had the same requirement. Deputy Lake noted that he had spoken with Belmont and they had a similar ordinance in place, and he would check with other surrounding communities. Jim O'Neill outlined how he felt that it was good for any developers to know that all the Boards were on the same page and that the proposal would allow for quicker volunteer response times. Following a discussion, the members of the EDC in attendance felt that there were no issues with the proposal from their perspective.

Mike Tardiff then provided an update regarding the four proposed Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) applications. The ERZs are: (1) Shaker Brook Park, (2) International Drive, (3) Village/NH 129 and (4) Staniels Road/Veterans Drive. The applications have been submitted to the NH Division of Economic Development, and we should receive an official notice of the decision soon.

Stan Prescott reviewed the RSA 79-D Discretionary Preservation Easement Program that pertains to the preservation of historic barns and agricultural building in a similar fashion to the RSA 79-E (Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for Villages). He noted that there are nine participants in the program in Loudon, but that he was not aware of any work that had been done under the program. The discussion of the existing 79-D program and potential 79-E program for the Village will be continued at the November meeting. Mike Tardiff will prepare a draft 79-E article for the Ledger.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26 beginning at 5pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Tardiff