

Meeting Notes

Loudon Economic Development Committee Meeting

November 4, 2021

Attendees: EDC Members: Jimmie Hinson, Tom Blanchette, Jim O'Neil and Stephen Caine. Central NH Regional Planning Commission: Mike Tardiff.

The November meeting of the Loudon Economic Development Committee began at 6:05 pm.

The members of the EDC considered the October 7 meeting minutes for approval. Upon a motion by Jim O'Neil and a second by Stephen Caine, the October 7 EDC meeting notes were unanimously approved.

Mike Tardiff presented a copy of the proposed NH106 North ERZ application for review by the members of EDC. He noted that the parcel list and map had been modified based upon the discussion at the October EDC. The members of the EDC discussed holding a workshop for property owners within the proposed ERZ at the December 2 EDC meeting. Upon a motion by Jim O'Neil and a second by Tom Blanchette, the members of the EDC meeting unanimously approved moving forward with the application process and holding the 12/2 workshop. Following the workshop, the EDC will plan to bring the ERZ application to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration. For the workshop, CNHRPC staff will prepare and mail out postcards to all property owners.

The members of the EDC then discussed opportunities for coordination between Loudon, Canterbury and possibly Pittsfield related to broadband expansion and the use of available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Loudon EDC will take the lead to coordinate a meeting between the three communities in December or January. Mark Laliberte, Broadband Program Manager at the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs will be invited.

Jimmie Hinson then reported on the interviews recently held with a Business NH staff writer in preparation for an upcoming article on Loudon. Several other members of the EDC were interviewed for the article as well.

The next meeting of the Loudon Economic Development Committee was scheduled for December 2 beginning at 6pm. The meeting will also include an ERZ workshop for the proposed NH106 North ERZ property owners.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Tardiff