

Meeting Notes
Loudon Economic Development Committee Meeting

August 24, 2020

Attendees: EDC Members: Jimmie Hinson, Rodney Phillips, Tom Blanchette, Stephen Caine, and Jeff Miller. Central NH Regional Planning Commission: Mike Tardiff.

The August meeting of the Loudon Economic Development Committee began at 5:00pm via Zoom.

The meeting opened with a review of the June 8 meeting notes. Upon a motion by Rodney Phillips and a second by Jeff Miller the June 8 EDC meeting notes were unanimously approved.

Jimmie Hinson opened the meeting by thanking Rodney Philips for the work he had done related to the proposed Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) process and the flowchart he had prepared. Rodney Philips then reported on the Planning Board's recent discussion of the TRC language to be added to the Land Development Regulations, noting that he had modified the original text that had been prepared by Matt Monahan of CNHRPC to better fit the Planning Board's timeline. The Planning Board is supportive of moving forward to add the TRC process to the Planning Board's process when necessary. He also noted that the TRC process would have helped with an application that had been on the Planning Board's agenda that night. The next step is to meet with the Selectmen regarding the Department's Heads participation in the process. Mike Tardiff noted that Matt Monahan could provide some assistance related to how other communities approach and fund the participation of the Department Heads in the TRC process. The members of the EDC then discussed the process to educate the public regarding the TRC process once it is approved. Rodney Phillips also offered to discuss the TRC process with the individual Department Heads to outline the proposed TRC process before the meeting with the Selectmen.

Jimmie Hinson then described his interest in having the EDC begin to be more proactive in its economic development activities, especially in relation to highlighting the availability of the Town's Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZs). The members of the EDC then discussed how the EDC can coordinate closely with other boards regarding appropriate future economic development in Town.

Jimmie Hinson reported that the legislation to extend the ERZs through 2028 had recently been approved, and outlined the need to install the Loudon ERZ signs and promote the use of the zones. Tom Blanchette discussed the NHDOT sign approval process that was currently underway, and reported that the Town had recently been informed of the proper bases and poles necessary to install the signs. Funding is available to purchase the bases and breakaway poles. The specific locations of the signs must still be identified as part of the approval process.

Jeff Miller then reported on the recently approved Economic Development Committee budget. The budget for the year includes \$500 for Economic Development office supplies and expenditures and \$150 for postage.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 28 beginning at 5:00pm.

Upon a motion by Rodney Phillips and a second by Stephen Caine, the meeting adjourned at 5:35pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Tardiff