Meeting Notes
Loudon Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, March 25, 2019

Attendees: EDC Members: Tom Blanchette (Chair), Rodney Phillips (Vice-Chair), Stan Prescott, Stephen Caine, and Jeff Miller. Central NH Regional Planning Commission: Mike Tardiff.

The March meeting of the Loudon Economic Development Committee began at 5:10pm.

The meeting opened with a review of the February 25 EDC meeting notes. Upon a motion by Stephen Caine and a second by Rodney Phillips, the motion to approve the February 25 EDC meeting notes was approved unanimously.

The members of the EDC then reviewed the results of Town Meeting, noting that the warrant article related to the Loudon Village Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (RSA 79-E) District had been approved. The next step will be to develop a draft application packet for use by the Town, with packets available at code enforcement, planning and administration. CNHRPC staff will work with Town staff on a draft information/application packet and send it out to the EDC for review and comment. The packet will include a map of the Village area. It was noted that the 79-E District map should also be considered for official adoption by the Board of Selectmen in order to clarify the 79-E district boundary.

The EDC then discussed the ERZ program. Mike Tardiff noted that an ERZ property owner had been in contact regarding the program, and he had asked Bridgett Beckwith from the NH Division of Economic Development to call them to provide detailed information on the program. He also outlined how he had asked Ms. Beckwith to attend a possible May ERZ workshop to discuss the program with any interested ERZ property owners. Following a discussion of timing and how to get the word out regarding the workshop, the members of the EDC decided to hold the workshop in June. Mike Tardiff and Rodney Phillips will work together to prepare an Article for the May Ledger. The deadline is May 17. In addition, the EDC will work to add the existing ERZ and 79-E materials to the EDC website. Kathy Pitman will be invited to next month’s meeting to discuss the update process.

Tom Blanchette then outlined how he planned to attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss the Technical Review Committee proposal that the EDC had previously discussed. The EDC also discussed other tasks that include working to add Loudon commercial properties to the NH Division of Economic Development’s commercial property database.

The EDC then discussed the recruitment of additional EDC members. Methods of reaching out include personal outreach and advertisements. Stephen Caine proposed reaching out to the Lions Club.
Upon a motion by Rodney Phillips and a second by Stan Prescott, the motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 6:02pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Tardiff