

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
May 9, 2018

The May 9, 2018 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chair Frascinella at 6:36 p.m. He called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Sandy McKenney, Chad Pelissier, Mike Frascinella, Jeffrey Venegas

Others present

Thomas Kaempfer

Old Business

Skating Rink – Identify remaining items to be determined

Chair Frascinella stated that the Committee needs to contact the prison about making signs and finding out how much they will cost.

Mr. Venegas stated that he would like to learn more about the logistics of legally accepting donations of items and/or cash, as well as establishing sponsorships.

Ms. McKenney suggested that he contact the Local Government Center.

Mr. Pelissier added that Town Administrator Mike Stark could help with that contact.

Chair Frascinella mentioned that, at the last meeting, Mr. Pelissier suggested looking into the fields surrounding the ARD elementary school as a third possible location for the skating rink.

Mr. Venegas said that only the first field is used for recess.

Determine whether to pursue Facebook as a vehicle for promoting commercial property

Mr. Venegas said that he understood that Town-owned properties for sale could be featured on a Facebook page, which would have the bonus of reaching the younger population. He noted that Pembroke has a Facebook page, so the Committee could check with them to see who has the responsibility of controlling (monitoring) the Town's page. He said the Facebook page could be used to explain such things as the purpose of capital reserve accounts or warrant articles which might need some explanations. Also, the Facebook page could report on all of the great things being done by the School, Police, Fire and Highway departments.

Review the list of some 90 commercial properties obtained from Avitar and determine which ones to notify about the business tax exemption. Is it possible for the Town Clerk to create mailing labels?

Mr. Pelissier reported that the labels have been printed and can be picked up in the Town Clerk's office.

Chair Frascinella shared his draft cover letter and said that he would get copies of this and the warrant article in preparation for the mailing.

Determine if Chad has been able to discuss with Matt Monahan the applicability of the Economic Revitalization Zone (RSA 162-N)

Mr. Pelissier said that Matt Monahan is working on gathering information about the Economic Revitalization Zone.

New Business

Discuss the implications of the purchase of the old Key-Loc properties (Route 28 and 3 Chester Turnpike) by a storage company vis-à-vis the proposed site plan for a self-storage facility on the Grossman site at 15 Chester Turnpike

Chair Frascinella reported that Scott Walker told him that Charles Morgan is planning to create a large storage business at this site.

Mr. Pelissier said that his will come before the Planning Board at its meeting next week.

Decide whether to notify the three Business Zone properties at the end of Chester Turnpike about the business tax exemption.

Chair Frascinella said that there are three properties at the end of Chester Turnpike which are zoned for business/commercial. One of these is a farm; another is a home. The three properties have 3.8, 11.2 and 22 acres of land.

Mr. Pelissier said that these will be included on the mailing list.

Food Festival/Softball Game to promote community

Chair Frascinella said that Ms. McKenney brought to his attention a food festival to be held in Derry. A variety of food trucks will be brought in.

Ms. McKenney suggested having a softball game – Allentown versus Pembroke – to go along with a food festival.

Mr. Pelissier said that the game should be held in Allentown, perhaps between Town departments, to keep the focus on Allentown.

Introduction of Prospective Committee Member

Mr. Thomas Kaempfer, 53 River Road, said that he would like to serve on the Committee because he could offer a unique perspective because of his education and current position. He said that he sees many empty lots in Allentown and would like to see them developed. He would like to be involved with the Town.

Mr. Pelissier said that Mr. Kaempfer should attend the next BOS meeting; paperwork could be prepared so that he could be confirmed at that meeting.

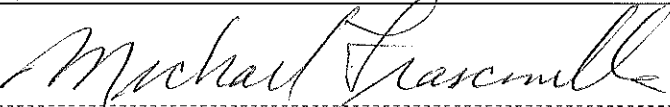
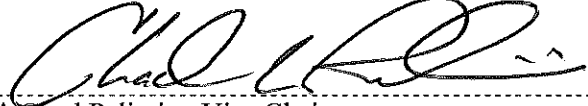
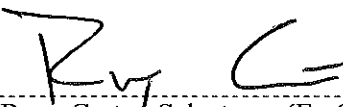
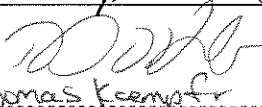
Review Previous Meeting Minutes

This action was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion of Ms. McKenney, duly seconded by Mr. Venegas, it was voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

MICHAEL FRASCINELLA, CHAIRMAN

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Approvals:	
	5/23/18
↑ Michael Frascinella, Chairman	Date
	5/23/18
↑ Chad Pelissier, Vice Chairman	Date
↑ Jeffrey Venegas, Member	Date
	5/23/18
↑ Ryan Cartey, Selectman (Ex Officio)	Date
 Thomas Kaempfer	5/23/18
↑ TBD, Member	Date