

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall 16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
December 10, 2020

The December 10, 2020 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella at 6:43 pm.

Chair Frascinella read a statement establishing authority to hold an electronic meeting, along with remote viewing and listening guidelines.

As Chair of the Allenstown Economic Development Committee, I, Mike Frascinella, find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, except for limited space at Town Hall, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing a Conference Call line (603-485-7321, password 1234), and a Zoom connection can be made by clicking on the Zoom website. As a courtesy, we are also on Facebook Live. All members of the Economic Development Committee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through one of these platforms, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting. If anybody has a problem, please call 207-595-0310 or email at: dgoodine@allenstownnh.gov. If the public is unable to access the meeting, it will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Chair Frascinella called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mike Frascinella, Scott McDonald, Chad Pelissier, Jeffrey Venegas

Town Staff: Derik Goodine, Town Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

▪ **American Flags**

Chair Frascinella said that the American flags have been removed for the winter.

▪ **Hometown Heroes Banners**

Chair Frascinella reported that Mr. Pelissier has removed the banners and rods, and he will deliver them to Matt Seiler for storage. Mr. Seiler says he is waiting for a proof copy of the Ernest Gamelin banner

and is making arrangements to bring it to a Hooksett Rotary meeting in about a month. Chair Frascinella told Committee members that a website called HonorStates.org is good for researching soldiers killed in action since World War II.

Mr. Goodine advised the Chair to request to purchase the Welcome Banners before the end of the 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

▪ Christmas Lighting Project

Chair Frascinella stated that they have four entrants to the contest so far.

Mr. Venegas said that lots of homes are decorated, so they should be getting more.

Mr. Pelissier suggested that flyers be dropped off.

Mr. Venegas said that was a good idea and said he would leave some at the Library. He said that he will get a tree this week. He is hoping to have the award ceremony on Facebook Live, with greetings from the ARD Student Council and Christmas caroling. He will get a white sheet to use as a screen.

▪ Optimus Senior Living

Chair Frascinella reported that he is working on an in-depth article about the Optimus facility.

▪ Possible New Business

Chair Frascinella said that Jaye Wallace told him that a bar, restaurant and game room may be opening to the right of Family Dollar. They need warehouse space, he said.

Mr. Pelissier said he heard that the deed for that property doesn't allow a restaurant there.

Mr. Goodine checked with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds and reported that he did not see any restrictions.

▪ 2021 Projects

Chair Frascinella asked the Committee members to look over the updated list of possible projects for 2021, and they will discuss them at the next meeting.

▪ Other Reports

Mr. Pelissier informed the members that there will be drones inspecting powerlines next week, from Concord to Deerfield.

Chair Frascinella asked if there might be drones in Allenstown's future.

Mr. McDonald said that, as the town grows, they could have multiple uses.

Mr. Goodine listed three possible applications: Code Enforcement, locating fire, and China Mill redevelopment updates.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting as written.

Mr. Venegas seconded the motion.

Chair Frascinella called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Scott McDonald – aye

Chad Pelissier - aye

Michael Frascinella – aye

Jeffrey Venegas – aye

The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING

Chair Frascinella stated that they would skip the second December 2020 meeting and would meet next on January 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Mr. Venegas seconded the motion.

Chair Frascinella called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Scott McDonald – aye

Chad Pelissier - aye

Michael Frascinella – aye

Jeffrey Venegas – aye

The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Frascinella, Chairman



Date signed 1/27/21

Chad Pelissier, Member



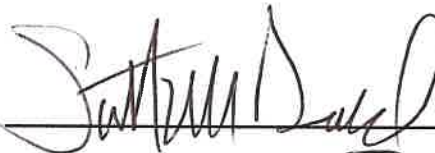
Date signed 1/27/21

Jeffrey Venegas, Member



Date signed _____

Scott McDonald, Member



Date signed 27 Jan 2021