Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee (EDCAC)

Minutes for May 14, 2014
Held in Town Hall Conference Room
Merrimack, NH

Present: Susan Lee, Marc Casseres, Ed Fasci, Linda Bonetti, Doug Dowell

Town Council Representative: Bill Boyd

Absent: N/A

Excused: David Shaw

Public/Guests: Margaret Morris

Call to Order:

7:06PM Chair Susan Lee called meeting to order

• Meeting chaired by Chairperson Susan Lee

Announcements:

- Ribfest will be held on June 13 through 15.
- Susan attended the third meeting of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
 - o Purpose is to foster economic growth in the region
 - o 2014 report to be reviewed by steering committee for approval
- New Merrimack Planner is Jillian Harris

Old Business:

- As the result of the Right-To-Know guidelines, the town is evaluating the EDCAC's request for town email addresses.
- RSA-79F: Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures:
 - Ed Fasci presented his latest version of a summary presentation. Excellent job!
 Recommendation was to add some examples and insert copies of the application forms.
 - Next step is to present the charts and conclusion to the Agriculture Commission for applicability to the town. Are there enough properties in the town that could take advantage of this? Target date for presentation is June 6th.
- Paradigm Award
 - Name of award is final
 - Next step is to generate an action plan

 Motion was made to delay the roll-out until next year, Linda Bonetti 2nd motion and vote carried in the affirmative 5-0-0.

Review of Prior Minutes:

Reviewed May 2013 minutes. Motion made to accept as corrected by Doug Dowell, Ed Fasci 2nd motion and vote carried in the affirmative 3-0-2.

Reviewed March 2014 minutes. Motion made to accept as written by Doug Dowell, Ed Fasci 2nd motion and vote carried in the affirmative 4-0-1.

New Business:

• Linda Bonetti and Marc Casseres's three year terms expire at the end of June. Both Marc and Linda announced their intention to step down.

Public Comments:

N/A

Closing Comments:

Ed Fasci made a Motion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Linda Bonetti and was carried 5-0-0. Susan then closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted to the Committee by, Marc Casseres

Secretary – Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee

These minutes were approved on 6/11/2014 by a vote of 3-0-1, on a motion made by Ed Fasci and seconded by Doug Dowell.