

Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee (EDCAC)

Minutes for 8 May 2013

Held in Town Hall Conference Room

Merrimack, NH

Present: Susan Lee, Marc Casseres, Doug Dowell, Richard Tucker, Chris Woods, Dave Shaw

Town Council Representative: Bill Boyd

Absent: Ed Fasci, Linda Bonetti

Excused: Greg Michael

Public/Guests: N/A

Call to Order:

- 7:10PM Chair Susan Lee called meeting to order
- Meeting chaired by Chairperson Susan Lee

Announcements:

- David Shaw welcomed to EDCAC
- Mr. Woods announced that he will not be seeking another term on EDCAC
- Mr. Boyd stated that Pete Gagnon will be resigning from the Planning Board. Peter will be recognized for his contributions to the community in the near future.

Old Business:

- Mr. Boyd, Mr. Casseres, and Mr. Dowell summarized their impressions from their attendance at the Local Energy Solutions Conference held in Tilton NH on April 13.
 - Ms. Lee recommended that this team review the language in the draft Master Plan regarding an Energy Committee.
 - Discussed how a local energy committee could attract new volunteers in town who have the passion and energy to promote Sustainable Energy.
 - Attendees of the conference will reconvene to develop a presentation for the EDCAC and Town Council.
- Taxation of Farm Structure and Land under Farm Structures (RSA-79-F) was discussed. Reviewed presentation that was submitted by Mr. Michaels.
 - Would be applicable to approx. 9 farms in Merrimack. Must be greater than 10 acres.
 - Town must adopt statute. Town council would be the authorizing body.
 - Must have livestock, store feed/fertilizer to be used on site or grown on site, store equipment used on site, etc
 - The actual tax benefit should be added to the presentation.

- Ms. Lee will distribute the presentation to the committee for review to ensure that it's clear for presentation to public.

Review of Prior Minutes:

Reviewed March 13 minutes. Motion made to accept as written by Mr. Dowell, Mr. Tucker 2nd motion and vote carried in the affirmative 5-0-1.

New Business:

- Merrimack Fall/Business Expo
 - The 7th annual Merrimack Fall/Business Expo will be held on 28 September 2013
 - Mr. Shaw will co-chair the Business Expo this year
 - David McCray will be the other co-chair
- Mr. Dowell introduced an award for a local Business that most emphasized our Local Spirit, Global Impact motto. Award to be presented at the Business Expo. Motion made by Ms. Lee and 2nd by Mr. Tucker. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - Mr. Dowell looking for ideas for criteria for the award.

Public Comments:

- N/A

Closing Comments:

Mr. Dowell made a Motion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was carried 6-0-0. Susan then closed the meeting at 8:43PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted to the Committee by,
Marc Casseres
Secretary – Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee

These minutes were approved on 5/14/2014 by a vote of 3-0-2, on a motion made by Doug Dowell and seconded by Ed Fasci.