

Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee (EDCAC)

Minutes for June 12, 2013

Held in Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Susan Lee, Doug Dowell, Richard Tucker, Linda Bonetti, David Shaw

Town Council Representative: Bill Boyd

Absent: Ed Fasci, Greg Michael

Excused: Chris Woods, Marc Casseres

Public/Guests: N/A

7:06 pm Chair Susan Lee Called meeting to order

Meeting chaired by Chairperson Susan Lee.

Announcements:

- A Draft of the Merrimack Master Plan will be available for public review on June 18 @ Mathew Thornton Room as a part of the Planning Board Meeting (A link will be available on the Community Development town web site).
- The 2013 Business Expo and Fall Festival will be held at the end of September this year. Details can be found on the Town website or on facebook under Merrimack Fall Festival.
- Chairperson Susan Lee attended the Nashua Regional Planning Commission Conference. She provided a summary of the meeting including details regarding a workshop which looked at The Master Plan for the region and another that looked at retention in NH of recent college graduates through a social networking medium (only 40% of recent graduates stay in the state). A report on this topic and the plan to address it will be distributed soon and Susan will make available to the Committee.

Old Business:

- Doug Dowell presented an idea to develop an annual EDCAC award recognizing local businesses that represent the EDCAC spirit of international impact to be presented at the Fall Festival. The committee considered methods for nomination. The award will be advertised through multiple mediums such as the Journal, Merrimack Patch, and Fall Festival handouts. Nominations are due by September 1st. Doug took inputs from the Committee and he will re-present at the next EDCAC meeting.
- Bill presented an update on the progress of the Renewable Energy subcommittee and will provide an update at the August meeting.
- Nominations for this year's EDCAC Leadership positions will be discussed and elections will be held at the July EDCAC meeting.
- Susan Lee to bring a guest speaker to the August meeting on Nashua based start-up advocates.

- A review of the latest TIF presentation version 6 was conducted by Chairperson Susan Lee and a distribution of the updated comments will be made in June.

Review of Prior Minutes:

A review of May 2013 minutes was made and a small correction was made by Doug. Approval of these minutes was deferred to the July meeting.

New Business:

- N/A.

Closing Comments:

A public thank you was made to Greg Michael and Chris Woods for their service to the EDCAC as both have decided to terminate their service to the committee.

A notice was made by Susan that the Committee will need to recruit additional members.

Doug Dowell 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 9:14 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted to the Committee by,
Richard S. Tucker
Vice Chairman for Marc Casseres

These minutes were approved on 8/14/2013 by a vote of 4-0-1, on a motion made by Doug Dowell and seconded by David Shaw.