

TOWN OF SALEM NH

Economic Development Action Committee

Friday, June 28, 2019
Meeting Minutes



The minutes of the June EDAC meeting were submitted on 8/21/19 by Wayne Pilla.

The Economic Development Action Committee held a meeting at 7:30 AM on Friday, June 28, 2019 at Salem Town Hall, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH.

Meeting Attendees: Chair Gene Bryant (GB), Vice Chair and Planning Board Representative Michael Banks (MB), Secretary Wayne Pilla (WP), Carla Billingham (CB), Hugo Overdeput (HO), Selectmen's Rep Lisa Withrow (LW) and Community Development Coordinator Karri Makinen (KM).

Call to order – GB called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM and asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes of the April 26, 2019. WP noted the meeting was called to order at 7:36 AM and adjourned at 8:12 AM. MB made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, HO seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Nomination for Vice-Chair – GB explained that MB's position as Planning Board Representative meant he was no longer Vice Chair of the EDAC. LW made a motion to name MB Vice Chair, CB seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

EDAC Contacts – With Andre Garron moving on, KM is alone until Andre's position is filled. KM explained there may be a reorg/structural change going forward.

Update on WWTP – Little has changed with results now at least a year away. The new company doesn't feel comfortable with the completeness of the prior firms testing, and contaminants could have migrated. Testing was to begin again July 8.

HO asked the Town Manager if the uncontaminated property could be leased. Mr. Dillon was open to a 5 year term but HO believes a tenant would want an option to purchase or right of first refusal.

Update on SARL – GB met with Lisa Walker (LW2) of SARL. LW2 plans to meet with the BOS to seek a new site as the present site is at risk of contaminants. LW2 does not feel a combined SARL/Dog Park is feasible due to the risk of cross contamination of the parvo virus.

Depot Redevelopment Project – GB suggested subcommittees should meet in July and EDAC should meet for a site walk in late August or early September.

MB gave an update of the Team George committee. Defining who owns responsibility for which ring roads and what additional changes are needed is still a work in progress. MB emailed the Team George presentation to the board on June 28.

Boundaries still need to be defined.

Need to split the area by quadrants and approach goals for each separately. Buildings would be close to the road with pedestrian traffic in front and parking with linked lots behind.

HO gave an update on the Hugo committee. We need to define opportunity zones propose incentives.

KM offered assistance if someone needs maps or other resources.

GB called for a motion to adjourn, MB motioned to adjourn, LW seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 AM.

The next meeting is pending planning for a site walk.

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