

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Date: April 17, 2024

Town of Hooksett Municipal Building,

Time: 5:00 PM

MINUTES

1 **CALL TO ORDER@ 5:00pm**

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3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 5:00pm**

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5 **ATTENDANCE: David Scarpetti-Chair, Matt Barrett-Vice Chair, Michelle Gannon, Alden**
6 **Beauchemin, Peter Stoddard**

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8 **STAFF & OTHER DEPARTMENTS: Elizabeth Robidoux – Town Planner**

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10 **EXCUSED: Jesse Tringale, David Boutin-TC Rep.**

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12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 03/20/2024 – Made by Peter S, 2nd by Alden B. David S abstained,**
13 **All approved.**

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15 **APPOINTMENTS: None**

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16 **DISCUSSION: N/A**

17 **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Elizabeth Roubidoux-Town Planner**

18 **Elizabeth Contractor bays at 47 Thames Road is going well. Half the building is full with**
19 **contractor bays. #1 occupied by Eco Pro Industries for Equipment Storage. #3 Puckstoppers.**
20 **#5 Teamstar Pools & Masonry. Shutters Auto is re-opening at 1194 Hooksett Rd. Pure Melodic**
21 **Vibration will be operated out the owner’s residential home @ 21 Barberry St. It is an**
22 **allowed use.**

23 **I have been attending bi-monthly calls of The Bureau of Economic Advisory Affairs hosted by**
24 **Commissioner Taylor Caswell. There has been a discussion of grant opportunities for**
25 **Economic development that you should know about. A Small business program and monies**
26 **available for affordable housing. The monies available can help assist with workforce**
27 **opportunities, training funds, books, uniforms CDL driver training, and milage**
28 **reimbursements. dbea.nh.gov is the link to programs offered. Reach out to me if you are**
29 **interested.**

30 **David S Kmart is shaping up and the improvements look good. When will they get their CO?**
31 **Liz, they are not CO’d yet.**

32 **David S will they be doing any parking lot improvements, Id like to see some islands.**

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33 **Liz No, they would have to come back to the Planning Board for a site plan amendment for**
34 **that kind of parking lot improvements. Panera Bread met with us to discuss a location for**
35 **them in the parking lot @ 1292 Hooksett Road. We advised that it was too much for that site.**
36 **We are actively trying to find them a new location. They prefer to stay south of the Shaw's**
37 **Plaza.**

38 **Michelle is that a stand-alone building?**

39 **Liz yes, that is what they are looking for. If any of you have any ideas. We would welcome**
40 **some suggestions.**

41 **David S How is exit 11 and Granite Woods doing?**

42 **Liz Peter Bartash is in discussion with potential tenants**

43 **David S exit 10?**

44 **Liz Old Dominion is working on a site plan still.**

45 **Alden Conservation Commission had concerns with the wetland impact. Old Dominion went**
46 **back to review the site plan to see what they can do. The deadline for them to meet for TRC is**
47 **April 22nd. They are trying to make that.**

48 **Liz Sewer and water have to be well along for TRC. We would like to maintain the 2 week**
49 **deadline for TRC meeting but I would like to see us change to a more on demand schedule.**
50 **Not just once a month.**

51 **Alden should Old Dominion go to Planning Board for Conceptual?**

52 **Liz, I don't know what they would gain from that.**

53 **David S Bow came in last month to discuss with us an exit for the town of Bow and working**
54 **together on economic development. We discussed getting together with Bow, Allenstown**
55 **and Pembroke.**

56 **Alden I see happening private/public possibilities at the Welcome Center. A few things**
57 **hinging, but a look at the toll booths and the economic impact. Do we need a toll booth? We**
58 **have rights, they are hurting Hooksett. We are better the more we unite.**

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59 **David S Carolin town planner for Pembroke would get together.**

60 **Alden also I feel the input of providing for pedestrian in the Hackett Hill design is a good thing**
61 **to look into.**

62 **Liz the slide show did have some information.**

63 **David S should we pursue the discussion with Bow Allenstown and Pembroke about a new**
64 **exit?**

65 **Liz it is worth getting the Economic Development and planning of the towns together and**
66 **start talking about it. It will be a long time before anything would happen. We would need to**
67 **discuss it with SNHPC. One hurdle is the all the towns are not in the same Planning**
68 **Commission.**

69 **Alden looking back at when the College Park design was taking place there was no sidewalk. I**
70 **was an afterthought. To bad it had not been done with the original plan. Bruce has been good**
71 **about looking into it but I don't think McFarland Johnson is. We have a 8' culvert from my**
72 **property under 3A for pedestrians to get to the river**

73 **Peter will the culvert be replaced when the intersection gets updated?**

74 **Alden no**

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77 **Town Council Update date- David S & Alden B have requested May 22nd . Kathy will let**
78 **Geralyn know.**

79 **ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn @ 5:50 made by Michelle, 2nd by Matt B. All in favor**

80 **NEXT MEETING: May 15,2024**

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