

**Economic Development Advisory Committee
Date: 02/15/2023
Town of Hooksett Municipal Building,
Time: 5:00 PM
Minutes**

1 **CALL TO ORDER@ 5:02**

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3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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5 **ATTENDANCE:** David Scarpetti-Chair, Jim Sullivan-Council Rep, Alden Beauchemin, Michelle
6 Gannon, Roger Duhaime

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8 **STAFF & OTHER DEPARTMENTS:** Andre Garron-Town Administrator, Nicholas Williams-Town
9 Planner

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12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/16/2022:** Motion to approve as presented made by Jim Sullivan,
13 2nd by Alden Beauchemin. All approved, motion passes

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15 **APPOINTMENTS:** Cameron Prolman, Regional Planner, Southern NH Planning Commission

16 **DISCUSSION: RE: South Central Comprehensive Economic Dev. Strategy (CEDS) Update and**
17 **Request for Participation**

18 **Cameron I have been invited to discuss with the town that , Southern NH Planning**
19 **Commission (SNHPC) is working to update our Comprehensive Economic Development**
20 **Strategy (CEDS). It is a living, planning, document of our economic region. *Cameron listed all***
21 ***the communities in the SNHPC Region***

22 **I am here to have the conversation of projects that would update the CEDS for Hooksett.**
23 **Include the expansion of infrastructure projects, recreational trails and transportation. All**
24 **projects that promote and development Economic Development. In this region we are**
25 **solicitation projects for the CEDS. It is imported to have projects for funding and have your**
26 **plans documented and in many baskets. It helps to go through the 10-year plan and use those**
27 **or add to keep these projects eligible for possible funding opportunities.**

28 **David would CEDS be a good fit for the exit 10 TIF**

29 ***Nicholas provided a list that was started in 2014 and adopted in 2019.*** I believe exit 10
30 **Hooksett project was added in during the last update. I think before I started there was a plan**
31 **for sewer & water project at exit 10 and 11**

32 **Cameron and that project can be expanded on to include the updates of infrastructure that**
33 **has been added and funding that is dedicated to this project.**

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- 34 **Nicholas CEDS funding, can you talk about what we can utilize the funding for.**
- 35 **Cameron in order to be competitive for CEDS funds, the project needs to be on the CEDS lists.**
36 **they can be difficult to work with but not impossible. Manchester received one recently. We**
37 **are trying to create an economic district, then the communities in it will have better chance**
38 **for the funding**
- 39 **Nicholas would you be able to identify any project in the current CEDS that has been**
40 **rewarded funds.**
- 41 **Cameron I will find that for you. It is not a guarantee you will get funds. But the CEDS are**
42 **better off with community projects.**
- 43 **David exit 10 will need to be updated In the CEDS**
- 44 **Cameron SNHPC will work with the town and a discussion of economic development to be**
45 **added**
- 46 **Nicholas there will be a sub comm formed for the purpose to update this CEDS list and the**
47 **projects we want included in the update. Does it have to be public development of**
48 **infrastructure or can it be a private development? What will be the criteria to meet the**
49 **inclusion in this list?**
- 50 **David what about the land and new location of a boathouse for the crew team?**
- 51 **Alden Manchester Rowing has acquired land and would like to establish a boat house in**
52 **Hooksett.**
- 53 **Cameron yes, I think that would have value in this.**
- 54 **Nicholas that project seems to be on a smaller scale. We would be looking for more impact of**
55 **more economic value and jobs.**
- 56 **Jim this is not currently on the 10 yr plan?**
- 57 **Cameron I would like any information of existing projects.**
- 58 **Jim how about the intersections of Hackett Hill and Main St. We have been talking of the**
59 **expansion of water on the Londonderry side too. That could be a project.**

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- 60 **Nicholas the no mans land between Londonderry and Manchester that has no water service**
- 61 **Roger that was on the news this morning about water contamination and we have a fair**
- 62 **amount of area that does not have a water supply.**
- 63 **Cameron you can submit multiple projects.**
- 64 **Jim I like that he mentioned the 10 year plan. What do we have that can be added?**
- 65 **Nicholas Eastpoint Dr and Londonderry intersection, we have a developer there that is**
- 66 **looking to extend the road and he has to expand that intersection for his business. Could that**
- 67 **apply to the projects on the CEDS.**
- 68 **Cameron yes that could be a good contender.**
- 69 **Jim we have a hand full, maybe 6 projects that should be considered. What is the process to**
- 70 **get those on the list?**
- 71 **Cameron a project submittal form I have already sent to Nicholas and I will forward it to the**
- 72 **committee. We are also looking for volunteers to help rank the projects. the committee will**
- 73 **rank and decide what will go into the plan.**
- 74 **Cameron We would like to have at least 1 person from each community.**
- 75 **David who has represented Hooksett previously?**
- 76 **Cameron Dean Shankle and David Scarpetti. We are looking for volunteers by April 1st, the**
- 77 **date to have projects submitted. March 15th 10am is a kick off meeting by zoom**
- 78 **David how much funding is available?**
- 79 **Cameron went over what the scoring for projects points awarded. The committee will rank**
- 80 **and average that. I will share that with this committee.**
- 81 **Jim what is the most points awarded?**
- 82 **Cameron sewer and water I see scored 18. It depends if the project is ready and invested**
- 83 **Andre I can't think of any other that have already been stated. Hackett Hill and exit 11 has a**
- 84 **developer that is contributing to infrastructure and that is one of the benefit on the CEDS list**

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85 for the funding. 10 15 yrs ago, they took away the earmarks. This may help now that it is back
86 for better chances of getting the funding.

87 Nicholas I think the water expansion and #1700 Hooksett Rd development and what could
88 happen with planning and development there. They are considering carving out some
89 acreage for public. I think to include them in the CEDS would be a good.

90 David have we heard anything from Attorney Cronin?

91 Nicholas they have decided to not move forward with the rezoning this year.

92 Andre Town Council did put aside \$12,000 to do a feasibility study and that has been
93 completed and shows where water line can be installed at the Londonderry/Farmer Rd. The
94 price tag is high and that is a great project and with the study already completed.

95 Michelle you can mitigate for water. I have done that because I live there. I think the
96 development that brings more economic benefit to the area is important to add to the list

97 Roger is there something you can think of for the wish list we should have to benefit the
98 whole SNHPC community.

99 Cameron the rail program in Manchester was focused on, that was an economic asset to the
100 region. This CEDS plan fills that community economic development that we don't have in our
101 regional plans, this could be our MP for the region.

102 David how many Hooksett volunteers? Maybe 1 and an alternate? How often do you meet?

103 Cameron maybe 1-2 from Hooksett. SNHPC has received funding from the Regional Planning
104 Commission to update these CEDS and we have till June. It is a lot to ask the communities in
105 this short time but, you don't have to have cost value of all the projects. If unknown though,
106 it can give the project a lower score.

107 Andre we do have cost amount for some of these project and it would be a good to get this
108 information and project list for the CEDS

109 David do we have all the \$\$ for exit 10?

110 Andre I strongly recommend we put that project in there.

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111 **Michelle when we are prioritizing, is it best to come forward with 5 projects or is it best to**
112 **move forward with fewer that are more feasible.**

113 **Cameron I would say the best is to get the big projects that have the most impact and most**
114 **feasible. I will help with cost.**

115 **Roger do you work with DOT?**

116 **Cameron yes, we receive funding from DOT to help the process and get it in to their 10 yr**
117 **plans we prioritize the projects. We are the middleman to help guide the process**

118 **Roger yrs ago there were funds to fix the bottle neck on 3A by Walmart and that was DOT**
119 **there have been complaints of so many roads with big projects but no plans to fix those. Do**
120 **you know of any plans to fix them?**

121 **Cameron I don't at this time but I will reach out and talk with you.**

122 **Nicholas so who would like to volunteer for the CEDS update?**

123 ***David will get involved and Nicholas will participate. David asked if we could have an***
124 ***alternate sign up too***

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126 **Motion to adjourn made by Michelle G 2nd by Jim S @ 6:07**

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128 **Minutes Respectfully submitted by, Kathy Lawrence**