

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Date: May 17th, 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: 5:02**

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

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8 **STAFF & OTHER DEPARTMENTS: Andre Garron-Town Administrator, Bruce Thomas-Town**
9 **Engineer**

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11 **EXCUSED: N/A**

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13 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion To approve the minutes of 3/15 made by Matt Barrett, 2nd**
14 **by Peter Stoddard. All in favor.**

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16 **APPOINTMENTS: N/A**

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18 **DISCUSSION: Comprehensive Economic Dev. Strategy (CEDs) Recap, Update and Participation**
19 **from Zoom Meeting held on 5/1/2023**

20 **Bruce Thomas the town applied for CEDs funding for our TIF both exit 10 & 11. We made**
21 **them 2 separate projects. Bruce provided a handout of the 2 completed application forms**
22 **submitted for the committee. Exit 10 detail: River crossing from the Martins Ferry (work to**
23 **modify and improve pump station) and then lay lines to service Quality Dr and Technology**
24 **and service the exit 10 3A area to Walmart, Bass Pro Shop and Market Basket at a \$14M cost.**
25 **We hope to get some funds to help cover the cost of infrastructure at exit 11 too. Currently**
26 **the pump station is going in and lines are being lay along residential neighborhoods to the**
27 **south of Tri Town, up Cross Rd., across State property to the Granite Woods.**

28 **David** exits 10 & 11 are 2 separate contracts? Myself, Alden and Bruce have been attending
29 meetings for this possible funding. Do we know when we may hear any decisions?

30 **Bruce**, no but we feel we have good applications as these are both areas the town has already
31 approved and being worked on.

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32 **Michelle** to get them completed they just needs funding, and you are hope the CEDS will do
33 that.

34 **Bruce** we have been applying for funds everywhere. This is more for the value of economic
35 development funding and this project is perfect for that.

36 **David Scarpetti recapped the CEDS and how it got started. When is the next meeting?**

37 **Matt** what is the time frame for decision of funding?

38 **Michelle** where did the funds come from that has the project started?

39 **Bruce** Granite Woods MOU with the Town.

40 **David** a great private partnership with the developer and the Town to get this started

41 **Alden** the other contractors are noticing everything going on and are interested! Park
42 Construction is doing a nice job.

43 **Wayne** is Manchester water the water source?

44 **Bruce** no

45 **Andre** with regard to the TIF and the partnership that we have Granite Woods . We had a bond
46 and the revenue from taxes were to pay for the bond. Granite woods is the funding source now
47 and they in turn will get a break on their taxes. That is the uniqueness of this. The CEDS set will
48 hopefully set us up for federal funding EDA Funds regional strategy to bulk this up

49 **David** when will they vote on projects? We can't vote on our own can we? Bruce will you be
50 going to the meeting that they vote?

51 **Alden** they were looking for volunteers.

52 **Bruce** provided information on the Hackett Hill, Main St intersection. We are about to negotiate
53 for the designs. We have an engineer and are working on a contract to get that going.

54 **Andre** 2017 the bond vote failed by the voters and we lost the round - about on the DOT 10
55 year list. we have been able to get that back on the 10 yr plan we just have to go through the

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56 process. It will be Funded by the state but organized by the Town. The 1st part was selecting the
57 engineer and we are moving forward.

58 **David** what about the houses?

59 **Bruce** we don't know. There will be turn lanes that will help fix traffic. They will fix both
60 intersections.

61 **David** the engineer will see it will need widening.

62 **Andre** #1 this project may be more cost, band this is a historically significant area.

63 **Michelle** what is proposed at Hackett Hill?

64 **Bruce** the engineering study will tell us the best way to go, then we will scientifically give you an
65 answer.

66 **Bruce** Hooksett Road widening project update: DOT will be holding an open house here in
67 Chambers on June 1st 2-4pm & 6-8pm everyone is welcome

68 **Andre** the difference between the 3A intersections project is it is a municipally managed
69 project and Rt 3 Hooksett Rd is DOT managed project.

70 **Wayne** do we have a down town Hooksett?

71 **Alden** the village is what we call our down town. Robie's is coming back to life. We hope in as
72 little as 1 month time the general store will be back. It is a Robie's family member, a distant
73 relative. Robie's farm group, The farm raises their own meats and their cheese is the best. Fritz
74 Weatherby will be there for the open house. The preservation group has learned a lot about
75 what works. I see what's going on between the village and exit 11 and it is generating a lot of
76 buzz.

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78 **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Handout Provided**

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80 **OTHER BUSINESS: David & Alden to provide annual update to Town Council 5/24.**

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81 **The committee went over what they will present for the update**

82 **David** can you think of anything more we should add for the update.

83 **Michelle** what about Marmon's at Legends Drive

84 **Alden** Nicholas put together a power point for Kiwanis. Also, Phase II at Hackett Hill. Port One
85 has put together a proposal and will be presenting to planning board soon.

86 **Michelle** what is going on with Cigna?

87 **David** it has been 90 days since appealing and nothing has been heard.

88 **Wayne** the planning board has heard that the technicality of the word "Intent" in the Zoning Ordinance
89 is what created a sticking point and the town and state have ping ponged back and forth. We need to go
90 back and look at the articles to see if we can add "intent".

91 **Michelle** why did it go to the state

92 Peter the NH land use board hears it.

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95 **ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn @ 5:55 made by Michelle, 2nd by Peter**

96 **NEXT MEETING: June 21st**

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