

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Date: July 19, 2023

Town of Hooksett Municipal Building,

Time: 5:00 PM

AGENDA

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, Alden Beauchemin, Michelle**
6 **Gannon, Peter Stoddard**

7 **Not in attendance: Wayne Russell, Roger Duhaime, Paul Scarpetti, David Boutin**

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

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12 **Elections:**

13 ***Motion to elect David Scarpetti as Committee Chair made by Michelle Gannon, 2nd by Alden***
14 ***Beauchemin,***

15 ***David Scarpetti made a motion to elect Matt Barrett as Vice Chair, 2nd by Michelle Gannon. All***
16 ***voted in favor of both motions.***

17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

18 ***Motion to approve the minutes of 5/17 made by Alden Beauchemin, 2nd by Matt Barrett. All in***
19 ***favor.***

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21 **APPOINTMENTS: N/A**

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23 **DISCUSSION: Comprehensive Economic Dev. Strategy (CEDs) Recap, Update and Participation**
24 **from Zoom Meeting 7/17/2023.**

25 ***David Scarpetti, Matt Barrett and Alden Beauchemin called in to the CEDs rating***
26 ***presentation.***

27 **David,** what can you tell us about the points awarded. Hooksett had the highest point awarded
28 for the 2 projects on the list.

29 **Andre** having sat on CEDs board, I can tell you they are not a funding agency but a recognized
30 community organization for the review of project funding, acceptance as the agency to put it
31 together. Your chance of getting funding could be slim but is much better if your project is on
32 the CEDs approved list.

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33 **David** Our rate is very good, how quickly do we hear or get voted by the board for funding?

34 **Michelle** is it better to have higher points?

35 **Andre** if funding were to become available then this would be good for approval of a grant.

36 **The committee reviewed the CEDS spreadsheet.**

37 **David** the money that becomes available, would it come from the state or federal?

38 **Andre** it may be both.

39 **Michelle** does this list mean we have applied for funding or grants?

40 **Andre** this list means that SNHPC has done their job to put the projects together. SNHPC may

41 assist with applying for the grants.

42 **Michelle** SNHPC apply for us?

43 **Andre** No we do. Whoever is in the best situation to . It could be Bruce, myself, DPW Director if

44 it is for roadway maybe the Sewer Commission is it for their project

45 **Bruce** the description of exit 11 on this list is incorrect. I will bring it to SNHPC attention.

46 **David** they are having problems with the Tri Town pump station?

47 **Bruce** from what I understand there are drains that need to be added. The ground water and

48 river are high, and the drainage needs improvement. The project though is moving along. The

49 pipe work is going in up Cross St., we are still waiting permits and for notice to proceed on the

50 state portion of land. The sewer is going up Cross Road today. We have a grant funding

51 application by the state to do additional water lines in the Meadowcrest neighborhood. We will

52 hear soon if we get that. Progress is happening. Weather and water is making it slow.

53 **David** How about the warehouse construction at exit 11?

54 **Bruce** I'm not sure why, but it is on hold.

55 **David** what is the latest for the Cigna building

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56 **Andre provided an update of the Cigna Apartment Building and the ruling from the NH**
57 **Housing Appeals Board appeals and that it ruled in favor of the Town and ZBA. Brady Sullivan**
58 **appealed by expanding the information. The Housing board denied that, next would be**
59 **Supreme Court if that is the direction they choose.**

60 **Development Discussion:**

61 **David** What is happening with the Kmart Plaza under new ownership? Does Kmart still holds
62 the lease

63 **Andre** Yes, it is my understanding they do. In other developments, A proposed gas station and
64 convenience store across from the Cigna building is working it's way through Planning. It has a
65 barn look. It was asked that it have brick exterior, but they submitted with vinyl. They may add
66 more landscaping.

67 **Matt** what is the latest with the bus parking lot proposal?

68 **Andre** Planning Board continued it because they requested noise and emissions studies be
69 reviewed. The developer will be responsible for that expense.

70 **Alden** I heard that Regal Cinemas was sold?

71 **Andre** yes to Harley Davidson Dealership. They will be tailoring it to the needs of the
72 motorcycle company.

73 **Matt** How is the DOT project?

74 **Andre** we have selected an Engineering firm McFarland-Johnson. DOT will have to approve
75 what they have for the scope of work. When we get the design, we will have to approve it. It
76 could be up to 2 years.

77 **Andre** the study is for exit 11 to 3A and the Main St light. The culvert on 3A at the Hackett Hill
78 intersection will be a bridge.

79 **Michell** what are they proposing?

80 **Andre** we don't know yet. When we see the plan, we will have the approval. The 2 intersections
81 will have to work together.

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82 **David** How about the route 3 project

83 **Bruce** they are working on the design still but it will be a few yrs too. We did ask that they not
84 do both sides of the river at the same time.

85 **Andre** the Rt 3 project has 5 lanes in certain sections with a turn lane in the middle. From exit 9
86 to Legends Dr 5 lanes.

87 **Alden** Robie's is open! They have sandwiches and their own cheese. Cash only right now, they
88 are working on credit card. A Robie family member has opened it. It has its historical charm but
89 freshened up that it needed

90 **Michell** are they going to have a grand opening?

91 **Alden** they are working out the bugs and then a grand opening is planned.

92 **David** did I hear they would like a dock?

93 **Alden** they are still going work on that. also, the state land across the street we would like to
94 use for a gazebo.

95 **David** how did the town auctions go?

96 **Alden** all 10 properties sold. This has been a project that the town has talked about and wanted
97 to complete. The auction was Phase 1 and it is complete, now on to phase II for more
98 properties. At a meeting in Aug with Town Council, we will bring for consideration more to sell.

99 **David** the town owns over 100 properties and it is good to see some of these properties sell.

100 **Andre** the town is pursuing a solar project with Revision. It will go to TC in August. The RFP was
101 for best option for both purchasing and/or leasing. They are the only group that gave us both
102 options and we will take that to TC.

103 **David** where are they going to install it?

104 **Andre** the old land fill at the transfer station. If we move forward energy it produces will take
105 care of all town buildings plus all 3 schools.

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106 **OTHER BUSINESS: None ADJOURNMENT: @ 5:56 motion made by Michell Gannon 2nd by**
107 **Peter Stoddard**

108 **NEXT MEETING: August 16**

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