

**Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Date: March 20, 2024**

**Town of Hooksett Municipal Building,**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Minutes**

1 **CALL TO ORDER@ 4:59**

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3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 4:59**

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5 **ATTENDANCE: Matt Barrett- Vice Chair Michelle Gannon, David Boutin- TC Rep., Alden**  
6 **Beauchemin, Peter Stoddard, Jesse Tringale, Roger Duhaime**

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8 **STAFF & OTHER DEPARTMENTS: Elizabeth Roubidoux – Town Planner Bruce Thomas – Town**  
9 **Engineer**

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11 **EXCUSED: David Scarpetti-Chair**

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13 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 02/21/2024 Motion to approve made by David Boutin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger**  
14 **Duhaime**

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16 **APPOINTMENTS:**

17 **DISCUSSION: 3A Project update**

18 **Bruce** we (Bruce & Elizabeth) applied for funding through Jean Shaheen office. We are applying  
19 this time from an environmental standpoint this may be a more successful attempt. Regionally  
20 with CEDS, we are at the top of that list and including that information just may help us to get  
21 the grant. \$17.4M is the cost for the entire project. The max the grant may give is \$3M. There  
22 are upgrades still needed.

23 **Bruce** went over those and the Est cost of each. If we get \$3M it would cover the force main on  
24 the east side and the Martins Ferry pumphouse upgrade

25 **Roger** does \$17M cover sewer and water?

26 **Bruce** just sewer. Tif Update- all sewer at the exit 11 area, all water from existing contract  
27 complete but the grant we received added HWW to use a ROW for a future river crossing. They  
28 anticipate extending the water toward Meadowcrest and that money to handle the river  
29 crossing. They will pay that. The contracts have all been signed for funding.

30 **Michelle** who asked for the river ROW and who wants access?

31 **Bruce** Hooksett Village Water

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32 **Bruce** Tomorrow night will be a meeting for the Hackett Hill/3A Project. Bruce provided  
33 concepts for the improvements. This design is in the preliminary stage. There were 2 concepts  
34 provided. 1 for a rotary and 1 for a signal at HH/3A.

35 **Peter** the roundabout option wouldn't take the house.

36 **Bruce** The approach lanes for the round -about are narrower and save the house at the HH  
37 intersection

38 **Michelle** it's in the historic district

39 **Bruce** yes. Both concepts for the light at main street does affect a few homes. The concepts will  
40 be explained better with more detail tomorrow night at the meeting

41 **Jesse** where do the driveways come out at the round about? It looks problematic

42 **Michelle** I don't think trucks will want the roundabout, so it could be good for the tolls.

43 **Bruce** I am not here to endorse one just to update you and provide a preview of what will be  
44 discussing at tomorrow night's meeting. The town's division of cost is 1/3 design and 1/3 of the  
45 home acquisitions. 10% cost to town of constructions.

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

48 47 Thames project has 2 new businesses for their 7 units. This is usually a slow time for  
49 Commercial development proposals. We have been averaging 2-3 concepts each month. But I  
50 can't talk about details.

51 Port 1 updated PB and asked them to phase the construction of the warehouse. 1<sup>st</sup> phase for  
52 250.000 sq-ft, get a user in and then start phase 2. They may come in with 1 user for the whole  
53 building but due to cost they wanted the phase option se the project is moving forward

54 ZBA had #3 Cate Glass Recycling apply for a use Variance. 1<sup>st</sup> of it's kind in the country. The  
55 owner has talked to DES. They recycle glass and turn it into sand for gravel projects in  
56 construction. 1<sup>st</sup> in US. He has a plant in Ireland. Old Dominion Trucking has committed to  
57 developing a truck terminal at 400 Technology Dr., they have been to Conservation Commission

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58 for Wetland Impact. The Mater Plan workshop will be the 26<sup>th</sup> at the library for final draft  
59 review. Then hopefully on to a Public Hearing.

60 **Alden** I have been working with the Old Dominion Project and I have a rendering where they  
61 will extend Technology Dr into the woods. The site will be built out for 102 truck bays 80 to  
62 start. 80 employees at a \$80,000 rate for wage. They just went public, and they want people to  
63 know who is coming. They have a good reputation and want people to know we are working on  
64 the wetland impacts with Con Comm.

65 **Machelle** will they have to blast?

66 **Alden** yes, he provided a plan for a visual for the board of the warehouse constructed in a  
67 different location, different state.

68 **Peter** is this by Amazon's site

69 **Alden** yes the Amazon Parking lot on Technology. There is a lot of ledge but some test pits  
70 showed gravel. They plan to mitigate the wetland impact and do what they are required to do

71 **Michelle** is Harley Davidson in the process of approvals?

72 **Elizabeth** yes, they have been approved by Planning Board and at 100 Technology, Elm Grove is  
73 moving forward with the construction of a 2<sup>nd</sup> building.

74 **Alden** activity creates activity, so this is positive

75 **Matt** has anything happened with Cigna

76 **Elizabeth** they are working with David Chilinski with PCA Architecture. When they get a concept  
77 adopted, we would like to create a steering committee to look at the MP, maybe in the next  
78 few months. A steering committee is what we need to get the town's ideas and fingers in the  
79 planning

80 **Michelle** is the town's MP approved by Voters

81 **Elizabeth** no, Planning Board will approve

82 **Peter** will there be a new facade on the old kmart building with the Storage facility and will they  
83 improve the parking lot?

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84 **Elizabeth** they are redoing the facade but I have not heard anything about them improving the  
85 parking lot

86 **ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Michelle G, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David B @ 5:40**

87 **NEXT MEETING: April 17,2024**

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