

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Town Hall
March 19, 2009 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Pete Lewis called meeting to order at 7:17 PM. Present: Ted Mackenzie, Angus McDonald, Adam Schwartzman.

Audience of Citizens: Hannah Beth Schwartzman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: on MOTION made by A. McDonald, seconded by T. Mackenzie, to approve November 2008 Minutes. Motion CARRIED.

TOWN SIGN: On MOTION made by A. McDonald, seconded by A. Schwartzman, to select Phil Shaler to develop the town signs, cost \$10,000. Discussion noted several bids had been received, desire to keep business local. Noted bid was submitted to Selectmen at February meeting. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: P. Lewis noted discussions for a potential new PR person as Ann Baldwin.

Discussion on vacancies on EDC board, Selectmen have received a memo with request to fill, will pursue further.

Discussion of business development in town, focus of EDC to bring people into town, highlight ample parking, shopping and scenic views in an easy walking distance. Discussion of availability of land and vacant buildings for development and current development happening now.

Discussion of focusing direction of EDC. Need for better method of communicating with public, what other signage could be developed-such as electronic signs. Discussion of current sign by Devitt's Field, charming but needs better illumination, possible better locations for sign(s). Continued reminders of town website for further information. Funding possibilities.

Noted Riverquest is moving out of its current location, discussion of possible alternative docking locations, use of town docks and parking availability.

Noted a farmers' market will be opening May 2 at the Lace Factory location.

NEXT MEETING to be held on April 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: on MOTION made by A. McDonald, seconded by T. Mackenzie, to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Guerette, COA