

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

### **Town Hall**

**June 18, 2009 Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pete Lewis called meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Present: Ted MacKenzie, Angus McDonald, Thomas Perry, Adam Schwartzman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** on MOTION made by T. Perry, seconded by A. Schwartzman, to approve April 2009 Minutes. Motion CARRIED.

**TOWN SIGN:** discussion to send memo to Selectmen to approve the contract with Philip Shaler for making the town signs, effective July 1, 2009. Consideration of having garden club plant around sign base.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** discussion of a wooden post sign to point to the Landing, public parking, Devitt's Field, Stone House, and Library, to be posted on Main & Rt. 80 by town hall. On motion by A. McDonald, seconded by A. Schwartzman, to make a wooden post sign, 4x4 style, with names on slats / 'pickets' for pointing direction. Discussion noted that it will be required to meet State regulations, post shape in triangle to match shape of town hall, to be discussed with Main Street Development Committee, review old photos that shows a sign had previously been located at the corner. P. Lewis to discuss with DOT. Motion CARRIED. Noted need for sign at fire station pointing to town center.

Discussion of other types of signs. Development of sign at Plattwood, need to post current tenets, tenets will/should fund purchasing of sign, request EDC to help develop ideas of what sign should look like, possibly through P. Shaler. Noted sign will have to go to P&Z for approval. Noted it is a privately owned industrial park.

Discussion of changing meeting schedule to quarterly, need to fill vacancies-notice has been listed on Newsletter and webpage, need for direction/mission of Commission, noted past accomplishments of developing ideas. Noted that local businesses are not actively seeking help from EDC, consideration that Mission is not to enhance or develop existing businesses but to develop new business to come into the town, and how to advertise to outside the community to bring interest into the community.

Discussion of public relations position, desire to meet with the person that will fill the position to give some guidance. Need to expand on accomplishments of R. Smith as representative of the town.

Noted 'The Good News' newsletter will be published on the town webpage.

Discussion of building vacancies for business development, possible State/federal/small cities grants or financial aid.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** on MOTION made by A. Schwartzman, seconded by T. Perry, to adjourn at 8:47 PM. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Guerette, COA, Clerk