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## **Minutes March 25, 2011 Farmington Downtown & Business Committee**

Members present: Ann Titus, Joan Funk, JoAnn Doke & Joan Kotsiroplos. Rich Stanley was excused.

Vice chair Ann Titus opened the meeting at 6:05PM.

The Feb 2011 minutes were approved with one error- Dave Connelly's name was printed as chairman. Not sure who this is(?)

Old Business: Joan Funk noted that Scott from the DPW is interested in coming to our meetings as he has experience w/ grant writing. It was discussed that we would be interested in having a joint meeting w/ the Economic Development Comm.  
Signage- On hold, still in NH state's hands

New Business: A rep from Holy Rosary Credit Union is interested in coming to a meeting. JoAnn will notify her that we are in a holding pattern right now and will notify her when we begin to have more productive meetings.

School's involvement w/ businesses: Ann noted that members of Valley View Community School as far as having businesses for example: promote reading by offering a reward (pizza?). The committee feels thus is a good venture and we will give them verbal support but will not be participating in these projects as this is outside the scope of our committee.

More discussion on the apathetic attitude of many of the businesses downtown, attributing much of this to the bad economy. Not sure of what we can accomplish at this point.

Municipal Parking lot clean-up: Despite asking the town to address the mess of the landscape at the parking lot, it was not taken care of last year. JoAnn will speak to some scouts regarding doing this for a project.

Ribbon cuttings: JoAnn handed out a list of dates & times for 4 ribbon cuttings in hopes all members will be able to attend & she will call town officials, police. etc.

The next meeting will be April 28, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM  
Respectfully submitted; JoAnn Doke