

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Members Present: Ann Titus, Gail Ellis, Sharon McKenney and Kathy King

Members Absent: Tracy Major

Selectmen's Representative: Jim Horgan

At 7:00pm Chairman Jim Horgan called the meeting to order.

1. **Recruit Secretary** – Sharon McKenney volunteered to take the meeting minutes.
2. **Introduction of Members** – Selection of Officers will be at the next meeting.
3. Discussed EDC Bylaws that are in place at present. *Gail Ellis motioned to rewrite the EDC By-laws and select officers at the next EDC meeting, 2nd Kathy King. Motion carried with all in favor.*
4. The Committee briefly discussed sub committees.
5. Discussion that the EDC is NOT a commission was held, it is a committee.
6. Gail informed the Committee about a frustrated resident who was trying to get his business into the Sarah Greenfield Business Park but was turned down due to the fact his business did not conform to the Park's by-laws. Gail would like to do some more investigating about his situation.
7. A discussion was held on Article 11 – Committee Membership. The minimum of members is seven and the maximum number of members is eleven. One member of the BOS shall be appointed on an annual basis and serve as the Chair of the EDC. We will discuss this more at EDC next meeting.
8. Discussion on Article IV Co-Chairman and Clerk and include a Vice-Chair. Discuss next meeting.
9. Discussion of Conflict of Interest Member this member would not vote on anything that was a conflict of interest.

10. Discussion of a Research Resource Book providing potential business acquaints.

11. Discussion of types of businesses: from small office rental in a house/home environment to larger businesses as banking, corporate unit, marketing, sport zone, and on.

12. Discussion of Sarah Greenfield land price should it go down or stay or give breaks and what is there at present time. And what do we give and or offer businesses? Target businesses send packet out to see what these businesses need for land, space, square footage, accessibility to main roads, etc. then follow up with phone calls to see if they received packet and their input, questions, etc.

13. Jim is going to get demographic maps of Farmington and a list of the town properties, their locations and zoning for these properties for the next meeting.

14. Discussion of working with the Downtown Committee. The downtown area itself does not give off a welcoming feeling and is not user friendly. It was discussed that the Welcome Aboard packages need to be revised. It was also questioned if cameras should be placed downtown to catch vandalism and graffiti.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2011 at 6:30pm.

At 8:24pm, Gail Ellis motioned to adjourn, 2nd Ann Titus. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Edited,

Brandy Sanger
Recording Secretary

Jim Horgan, Chairman