

Official

HOOKSETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY COMMITTEE Minutes Greater Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce 889 Elm Street, Suite 300 Wednesday, June 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman W. Sirak called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chairman William Sirak, Craig Ahlquist, Fred Bishop, Alden Beauchemin, Allison Chandonnet, Robert Corallino, Tom Barrett, Steve Korzyniowski, George Longfellow, Cindy Harrington (DRED), David Preece (SNHPC), Jo Ann Duffy (Town Planner), Paul Loiselle (Council Representative), David Jodoin (Town Administrator)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 16, 2008 – ***J. Duffy moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by D. Jodoin.***
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Sewer Bond

C. Ahlquist: The Sewer Department got some money. They went to the State for a revised plan. Because they did not get the \$1.5 million from the Town, they went back to the State and lobbied to get the funding for the 10% additional sewer capacity. They are able to proceed with adding more capacity.

G. Longfellow: DES allowed the Sewer Department to increase their capacity by 20% that they'd be able to sell. The sale of capacity should generate enough funds for the expansion.

Economic Planning & Development at Exit 11.

Chairman W. Sirak introduced Cindy Harrington and David Preece. They were invited to the meeting to talk to the committee about creating a performance or economic zone.

Chairman W. Sirak: I am anticipating that the Cabela's project will not go forward. What are we going to do with Exit 11 in the event Cabela's does not happen? I am hopeful and I encourage Cabela's to go forward but if it doesn't here are possible alternatives.

D. Preece and C. Harrington made their presentations on possible alternatives for Exit 11. D. Preece stated one good example is the Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District. This has a very effective tool for enticing quality development. This will have to go to the voters and will require 2/3 votes.

Discussion on the matter ensued.

Chairman W. Sirak: It's a matter of focus and education. Most of the smaller communities are not focused on economic development or simply do not have the personnel.

Hooksett Planning Board

A meeting between the Planning Board and some of the Town's developers was held to discuss what the Town could do to assist the developers.

Chairman W. Sirak: What I got from that meeting is the level of frustration with Stantec is to the point of hostility in a sense of extortion, which, adds hundreds and hundreds of thousand of dollars to projects.

D. Jodoin: The developers are expecting their fees will go down if the Town hires an engineer. One person could not handle all the development in Town and will still need to hire other consultants.

Discussion on the matter ensued.

Budget issues were also discussed. What the next step would be if the Council votes not to encumber money for the committee.

The next meeting will be September 10th at noon.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes transcribed by,

Evelyn F. Horn
Administrative Assistant