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HOOKSETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2008

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

PRESENT: Chairman William Sirak, Rob Corallino, Craig Ahlquist, Tom Barrett, Alden Beauchemin, Carol Granfield (Interim Administrator), Jo Ann Duffy (Town Planner), Amy Kizak (SNHPC), Jack Munn (SNHPC), Steve Korzynowski and Jeff Larabee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 5, 2008

The minutes were approved as presented.

Town Council Presentation & Budget Request Review

- A. SNHPC Report – it was determined that the costs were excessive for a survey. The Board agreed that the alternative meetings were very efficient.
- B. HEDC Budget Request – Monies will be requested for a Development Guidebook

Web Site Update

Craig will work with Jo Ann and Carol on this project.

Site Finder

Amy Kizak of SNHPC gave a presentation concerning the site finder program.

B. Sirak moved, seconded by S. Korzynowski to recommend a budget request consisting of \$10,000 for a Development Guidebook and \$11,200 for the Site Finder Program. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Ambassadors Program Update

The program will begin shortly. Fred Bishop will send out a letter to the department heads asking for their assistance.

“Old Town Hall” Study Committee Update

B. Sirak recommended two legal firms with real estate and probate experience. He will ask if they would consider doing pro-bono work.

Affordable Housing Issues

No report

Mission Statement Update – Steve Korzynowski

The mission statement was further reviewed. Discussion will continue at the January 2009 meeting.

Other Updates

Jeff Larabee advised that Bass Pro is still very interested in Hooksett. The Board also discussed the possibility of developing economic zones. They further discussed the possibility of obtaining authority from the Town Council to explore development areas in other sections of Town.

Bill Sirak moved, seconded by T. Barrett to recommend that the EDC be authorized to explore all sites identified in SNHPC's report. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jo Ann Duffy