

## MINUTES

**HOOKSETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HOOKSETT TOWN HALL  
HOOKSETT, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010**

**Call To Order:** Chairman W. Sirak called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**Present:** Craig Ahlquist, Tom Barrett, Alden Beauchemin, Fred Bishop, Steve Korzyniowski, Keith Moon, Mike Reed, Chairman William Sirak, Jo Ann Duffy (Town Planner) and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

**Also Present:** Steve Heavener (CRDC) and Jack Munn (SNHPC)

### **Approval of Minutes**

***C. Granfield moved to approve the April 14, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by F. Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Ambassador's Program**

A. Beauchemin and C. Granfield met with Dan Plourde of Plourde Sand & Gravel. The business has been in operation for 82 years. They have 23 employees and 14 trucks. Their site consists of 86 acres with 1.5 to 2 million years of marketable material remaining. The location is next to the rail system and easy access to I-93. They are open to any business opportunities.

Robie's Country Store has been going through management issues. They have a new person taking care of the business plan. A. Beauchemin will meet with him.

Chairman Sirak met with Classic Chassis and will meet again with them. He will also meet with Manchester Sand & Gravel with the Town Administrator.

F. Bishop gave the following updates for P. Loiselle who was unable to attend the meeting.

- P. Loiselle contacted Rick Vega, owner of Tri Town Ice Arena at Route 3A. Have not met with him yet.
- Had a phone conversation with Poultry Products. They complained about the potholes and poor entrance to Bemis Road. Paul gave Dale Hemeon a call. Public Works Department took care of the problem the very next day.
- Staples has a new manager. Still working on setting up a meeting with him.
- Tombs Door complained about the traffic on Route 3A.

Others on the list have been contacted at least once. Assigned members will follow up.

Chairman Sirak informed everyone he as well as the Town Administrator attended the opening of Oakhurst Dairy Distribution Center. Carol added it's a company from Maine that has expanded into NH. She asked to add them to the list as a new business. They took over the Amoskeag Beverages building. They had outgrown their old facility.

FIFO packaging is another new business in town. Carol is in the process of scheduling a meeting.

Fred also commented on the new German restaurant that recently opened in town called, Bavarian. They have eaten there a couple of times. The food is great. The owners just moved to Allenstown from Germany over a year ago. The Union Leader gave them a good review.

Carol reported that Ocean State Job Lot is doing good business and starting to revitalize the area. They took over the old Walmart site.

### **Chambers of Commerce Development**

Chairman Sirak spoke with Mike Skelton. Various people have expressed interests in becoming a part of the Hooksett-focused Chambers of Commerce. Will be setting up another after-hours event sometime in September.

### **Exit 10 & 11**

On the proposed development at Exit 11, Chairman Sirak and the Town Administrator had a second meeting with the Governor's Office. A number of major and destination type retailers have expressed interests. The developers are preparing to meet with DOT and the Liquor Commission.

Additional developments are in the works for Exit 10 but nothing is official at this time.

C. Ahlquist spoke to Sid Baines, Sewer Commissioner. A sewer connection could be a possibility at Route 3A. Walmart has determined it would be more cost effective for them to put a sewer across the river rather than setting up their own water treatment plant. They have done test pits under the river. Walmart may be willing to get the pipes so far but sewer will still have to be connected to the existing treatment plant  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles away. Sewer Commission will be able to fund the pipes out of stimulus funds they received for sewer expansion. Test pits will have to be done under the railroad.

J. Duffy stated Market Basket received a conditional approval. They have not closed on the property. They will be back on the Planning Board on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to give an update. One of the conditions could be amended regarding the Central Park Drive easement. They have the driveway permit contingent upon them taking ownership of the property. They are behind schedule. They are looking to open sometime in January 2011.

C. Granfield stated the department, with the help of volunteers have put together a directory of businesses in town. The directory is still being fine-tuned. She asked everyone to review the list and forward any corrections, additions, deletions to Evelyn.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to further develop a strategic plan.

Respectfully submitted by,

Evelyn F. Horn  
Administrative Assistant