

Economic Development Committee
Hooksett Business Retention and Expansion Program
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.

Present: Andre Garron (UNH Cooperative Extension), David Scarpetti, Muamer Durakovic, Paul Scarpetti (Planning Board Rep), Matt Barrett, Ivan Gult, Isla (last name), Gail McCarthy, Dan Legueux, Jo Ann Duffy (Town Planner), Carolyn Cronin (Assistant Town Planner).

J. Duffy and A. Garron gave a recap of what the BRE program is to the new attendees. The project is designed to reach out to businesses in town. The program will run about 2 years total and will start up in September. Andre gave us a list of businesses in town that we will look through to identify which businesses to visit. Everyone will be trained on how to administer the survey to businesses. The program is centered on existing businesses and finding out the issues that are keeping them from growing and expanding in the community. The focus is on keeping them here and finding out what makes a great atmosphere for businesses. Through the process we will identify 3-5 goals that we can work on.

Taskforce Members

We have a group of Taskforce members tonight and more people are expected to join the Taskforce at the next meeting.

Refine Business List

Attendees discussed which businesses to visit in different industry sectors. They refined the list down to the following:

Construction (23)

ProCon Inc., SERVPRO, Paquette Pools, Skyline Communications LLC, Utility Service & Assistance, Hooksett Crushed Stone, Sam Mechanical, Al Terry Plumbing & Heating, Paradigm Plumbing Heating & AC, DR Burl & Son Land Clearing, Kent Septic, Blue Ribbon Fence & Landscape.

Manufacturing (31, 32, 33)

Cummings Printing, Brox Industries, Macy Industries, White Birch Brewing, GE Aviation, Copper Beech Winery, North American Equipment, Riley's Guns, Longfellow Orthodontic Labs, Ran-All Metal Technologies.

Wholesale (42)

Woods Crew Corp, R & R Wholesale, Poultry Products, Great State Beverages Inc., Osborne's Agway, Tractor Supply Co., Granite Group, Hooksett Fireworks, Ocean State Job Lots, Smith Pump, Superior Fire Protection.

Retail (44)

Shaw's, Target, Merchant's Automotive Group, Auto Wholesalers, Amati, Green's Marine, Bass Pro Shop, Mega-X Gas Station, HK Powersports, Bond Auto Parts, Paul Mitchell of Northern New England, Johnson Golden Harvest, Faulkner's Landscaping, Safelite Auto Glass, Good Morning Sales, Natural Choice Market, Crown Trophy, Sports Arena Hockey Shop, Pure Hockey, Shooter's Outpost, Goodale's Bike Shop.

Information (51) Finance and Insurance (52)

Cinemagic Theater, Regal Cinemas, Wireless Zone, Cigna Health Care, United Healthcare, Regency Mortgage, Barrett Insurance, TD Bank.

Professional and Technical Service (54)

CGI Business Solutions, Cocci Computer Service, M & S Logistics, Lifetouch National School Studio, Polaris Direct, Keyland Enterprises, Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers, Hooksett Veterinary Clinic, Queen City Animal Hospital.

Administrative and Waste Services (56)

Northeast Record Retention, Pinard Waste, Superior Interiors, Collins Tree Service, Hooksett Recycling, Special Event Rentals

(61)

Granite State Gymnastics, Step Above Most, Empire Beauty School, Tokyo Joe's Studio of Self Defense, Tri-Town Ice Arena

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

Elliot Medical, CMC, NH Oncology, Gerber Dental Group, Hooksett Family Eye Care, Katz Endodontics, Focus Physical Therapy, Colorful Apples Day Care, Tic-Tac-Tots Preschool, Little Apples.

The Taskforce will finish choosing businesses and refining the list at the next meeting scheduled Tuesday, June 23rd at 4:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Cronin
Assistant Planner