



**Stratham Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2010
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room
10 Bunker Hill Avenue
Time: 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Bruno Federico, Chairman
Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator
Larry Foss, Member
Leslie Blaney, Member
Mike Houghton, Member
Luke Pickett, Alternate

Members Absent: Scott Zeller, Alternate

Staff Present: Lincoln Daley, Town Planner

The meeting was opened at 7:05PM by the chair.

- I. Review and approval of the minutes from the June 15, 2010 EDC meeting
Motion to approve by Larry Foss, second Paul Deschaine.
- II. The chair requested a volunteer for the position of Secretary. With none forthcoming it was suggested that the position rotate among the members over two to three month intervals. Mike Houghton volunteered for the first assignment.
- III. Town Survey:
Our August 17th meeting will be dedicated to the further development of our proposed survey.

Lincoln Daley has arranged for Andrew Smith, Director of the UNH survey center to meet with us to help facilitate a discussion of the cost and approach of conduction a survey.

We will begin to flush out types of questions we want to ask. What are the priorities; tax base expansion, more services, job creation? Will residents support a bond for the development of water and sewer in the Gateway district?
- IV. Business Retention Strategies:

1 Larry Foss volunteered to develop a list of existing businesses located in Stratham
2 for discussion at our September meeting. We will formulate a plan to divide up the
3 list among members and develop an approach to engage businesses to understand
4 their views relative to issues and opportunities they see with respect to conducting
5 business in Stratham.

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7 Discussed the potential of hosting an Exeter Chamber of Commerce Business After
8 Hours meeting.

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11 V. Sources of Funding:

12 Discussed the need to investigate and determine the potential sources of funds
13 available to us to help stimulate development.

- 14 - Federal
- 15 - Grants
- 16 - Taxes
- 17 - Tax Increment Financing - Luke will research and present to the group at our
18 September meeting.
- 19 - DRED (Development Zone) Paul will research and present to the group at our
20 September meeting.

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22 VI. Build Out Analysis:

23 Discussed the need to identify parcels of land that could be developed throughout
24 town i.e. community campus, gateway district etc. How many square feet of space
25 could be develop given existing zoning or potential changes in zoning? Lincoln
26 volunteered to begin identifying available tracts.

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28 VII. Future Items:

29 Arrange a meeting with Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Leopold to discuss and understand
30 there needs relative to future development of their properties.

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32 Schedule a meeting with Public Works and Wright Pearce to gain further insight into
33 water / sewer initiative.

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36 Respectfully Submitted:
37 Mike Houghton
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