

WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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PRESENT: Shirley Ganem, Chairman; Bill Wiebe, Tony Triolo, Andy Milligan, Bob Garland, Bob Grott, Barbara Jackson, Tim Sullivan

ABSENT: Mike Toomey, Paul Kimball

Chairman Shirley Ganem Called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. in her home--as no one showed up to open the NH Bank Conference Room for the meeting.

A general discussion of the Charrette was first. Members reported that it had brought out people with different points of view and had really gotten their attention. Jackson was concerned about the proposed roads and traffic involved, and questioned who would pay for a needed bypass, if development outgrows 109A.

What should EDC's role be as a result of the Charrette? Response was that we need to work toward those goals, as conditions develop, a piece at a time. The Design Team also recommended a senior citizen's residence and elderly housing--should EDC follow through on a project like this? There was discussion of various types of elderly housing. Members pointed out that the Design Team for the Charrette seemed to favor commercial uses for the C3 area over retail or industrial ones.

They had also been given the idea of replacing of the Carpenter School, so space was allocated for that. The Carpenter School could be used for recreation, which is something not previously contemplated. We need to go over the ideas presented and decide where to go with them. And we need to keep all these ideas in front of the public.

PROJECT REPORTS

Ganem asked about the status of the various Wolfeboro 2000 committees. Bill Wiebe reported that Don McBride's Downtown Committee has just about finished its work with a report on need for design review. The Dock Committee and the Pathways Committee have produced plans. The Bridge-Falls Path will be extended to River Street, about 600 feet more, with the \$6,000 cost funded by the developer, David Sands, and the Crescent Point residents.

The Route 28 Committee is meeting with Rick Chellman, and they hope to have conclusions by early October.

Business Park and Business Development Corporation - Andy Milligan reported that the BDC will be meeting Monday evening, to put together a list of projects they want to do. Development of that land is one of them, and he plans to ask the Selectmen to deed the land over to the BDC so they can go ahead and look for grants. Bob Grott pointed out that the town needs to get ownership of or an easement across a little triangle of privately-owned land that blocks good access to the industrial park area. Milligan said that they are researching sources of financing for businesses.

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S. Ganem reported that she had talked with Les McLeod and they are planning a seminar for local businesses on health care costs, during the month of October. They will have another on workman's compensation. The Health Care program will be in the Education Room at the Hospital .

A. Milligan told the Committee that two local businessmen had told him that Wolfeboro has a shortage of capable workers. They don't just lack skills, but have no sense of responsibility and don't understand the concept of work, particularly factory work. They could probably find jobs for 50 willing workers. There is State money available for training employees, but not enough willing candidates. Voc Ed has turned down a request for help in training workers for these two businesses. All agreed that there is need for a work ethic course in the schools. The Yankee work ethic in Wolfeboro seems to be a myth.

All agreed that this community needs a labor force study committee, and the schools, probably the chairman of the school board, should be involved.

The next meeting of the EDC will be on September 22 at 7:30 a.m. at Wickers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary