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PRESENT; Shirley Ganem, Chairman; Barbara Jackson, Bill Wiebe, Tony Triolo, Paul Kimball

When no one was on hand to open the First NN Bank Conference Room due to a scheduling mixup, the meeting was moved to the Planning Office Conference Room. It was called to order at 7:45 a.m.

There was a discussion of when minutes of EDC meetings should be distributed. Some members thought that they should not be released to the public until after they have been read and approved by committee members. Others pointed out that there were legal requirements for the time within which they must be on record. The Chairman was going to check into the law.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

Paul Kimball reported that this was nearly completed, and copies of the draft of the Town Manager's introductory letter were passed out and discussed. The word "expeditiously" in the second paragraph was questioned, as was the word "spurned" in the third paragraph. (Secretary's note: what was meant may be "spurred.") The third paragraph should end with... "Town Manager, who is prepared to mediate such situations." The members were not entirely satisfied with this wording either and suggested that the Selectmen might look the letter over and improve it.

P. Kimball said that he and Harold Parker would go over the draft of the booklet. Kimball also handed out copies of a flow chart to be used in the booklet. He explained that it had been created with the help of the Codes officer. Shirley Ganem suggested a game-board format—possibly as in Monopoly. Wiebe pointed out that usually a flow chart has decision points which are marked with a diamond. There will be an explanatory narrative to go along with the chart.

There was a discussion of whether the development process should start with the Planner rather than the Codes officer. The philosophy and the appearance of the Town are also important elements to be included in the booklet, all agreed. The role of the Technical Review Committee in making decisions was also discussed.

It was pointed out that that this was really going to be a Property Development Manual, rather than a Business Development Manual, and maybe that's what it should be called.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Wiebe pointed out that the oversized "Native American Jewelry" banner is still up in Wolfeboro Falls despite the report that action was being taken to get it removed. He described a recent visit to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, a town he has always felt was a quaint and charming haven for tourists. It now has become garish and the tourists are staying away. He's

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concerned that something like that could happen in Wolfeboro.

The group discussed enforcement, and Shirley Ganem said that for the next meeting she is planning to invite the Codes Enforcement officer to talk about how he sees the town.

She also reported that John Simpson is working out a Workman's Compensation program which will be presented in the fall. On the panel will be three representatives from the State. Representing Wolfeboro will be someone from Town government, a local insurance agent, and a local business person. This program will be presented in September or October.

PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Plans at the last EDC meeting had been to invite Barbara Hobbie to come and talk about their plans and how EDC might assist them, but this had not worked out. Possibly she can come for the second August meeting.

Barbara Jackson was charged with getting together a list of all raw land which is available for commercial development.

The Economic Development Committee will meet next on August 3. This meeting was adjourned at 8:50 as the Technical Review Committee was to meet in the room at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary