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PRESENT: Barbara Jackson, Tony Triolo, Andy Milligan, Bill Wiebe, Dennis Plante, Bob Garland, John Pernokas, Pam Berg

In the absence of Shirley Ganem, who was ill, vice-chairman Barbara Jackson conducted the meeting. She called it to order at 7:35 a.m. in the First NH Bank Conference Room.

OUR TOWN PRESENTATIONS

John Pernokas reported that the presentation for Rotary will be made at their March 7 meeting. They start with dinner at 6, and the program begins at about 7.

On Thursday April 6 the program will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at 7:30 a.m. at the Wolfeboro Inn.

A presentation for the Technical Review Committee was suggested for some time in mid-March, but that was put on hold.

MEETING WITH PLANNING BOARD

Bill Wiebe reported on the meeting with the Planning Board, which all agreed went very well. The Board had suggested getting started on a project which could be an obvious success just as soon as possible. Possible projects, in order of importance, were:

1. Something with visual appeal and function (don't call it design review!)
2. Waterfront project - Cate Park
3. Organizing a SCORE team
4. Doing something to support local business -- maybe a business inventory

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR PICKERING CORNER

The plan the DOT is proposing will place a traffic signal at the corner with a number of turning lanes. It will eliminate 20 parking spaces along Main Street - all the way from the corner to the Congregational Church, on both sides of the street. All agreed that the town can ill afford to lose these spaces, which are always occupied for the Church, and for the businesses on the street. In addition, a traffic signal would be ugly, especially with overhead wires and poles. It could tie up traffic worse than it is now.

In a discussion of alternatives, members suggested a uniformed officer to direct traffic at the intersection at the busy times. That would probably be much cheaper and less disruptive than a signal. Also he/she could be a real attraction - snappily uniformed, with white gloves and whistle. Another traffic person downtown could direct traffic and help pedestrians

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get across the street during peak traffic hours.

Members suggested that blocking the proposed traffic light might be a simple, quick project for OUR TOWN. Also, it would save the state about \$200,000. Andy Milligan was to talk with Ray Burton and try to get him to the next EDC meeting to discuss this. Stan Stevens will be invited too.

EDC MEMBERSHIP

There was discussion of the several EDC members who rarely (or never) attend the meetings. Perhaps they should be replaced with some new active members. John Catalano was mentioned as a good prospect for a marketing consultant. The group felt this was a decision that Shirley Ganem should make.

QVC - HOME SHOPPING NETWORK - is looking for 25 New Hampshire products to feature on their show this fall, according to information sent out by DRED. The group agreed that probably the only Wolfeboro business that could supply its products in sufficient quantities was Wickers

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Arctander

Secretary

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1.