

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1996

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Shirley Ganem, Chair-person, Pam Berg, Bill Wiebe, Barbara Jackson and Tony Triolo

Members Absent: Dennis Plante, John Catalano and Robert Garland

Others Present: Sharon, Director, Chamber of Commerce and Robin McNally, Secretary

Shirley Ganem called this meeting to order at 7:40 AM at the First New Hampshire Bank Conference Room. A quorum was present.

Business Visitation:

Pam Berg explained that she had timed the questions to determine how long a visit would take and the result was 20 - 45 minutes for each visitation. Volunteers would be needed from the committee and the community to perform this survey. It was suggested that these visitations be conducted in a blitz within a couple days, being one day a week for several weeks. There are approximately 100 to 150 businesses to be surveyed. Those numbers will also include businesses that were surveyed in the previous visitation. The target completion date will be early April before the busy season. Sharon stated that the Chamber will have a newsletter Media coverage looking for volunteers and explain the visitation. Sharon stated that this information could also be mentioned in the newsletter that will be printed in March by the Chamber of Commerce.

Inter-Net Access:

Pam Berg informed the members that the Lakes Region will have access to the Inter-Net. The access will be through LR Net. They will be looking for financing for the setup and this information will be forwarded to WETCO.

Business Industrial Park:

Tony Triolo updated the committee on the progress of the Business Industrial Park. The Board of Selectmen accepted the idea on the development of land adjacent to 109A and the old stump dump. They have agreed to a proposal to be included in a warrant article at Town Meeting to ask the voters to approve a total sum of \$36,000; \$25,000 of which will be for the development, site review and engineering studies for the actual Industrial Park and \$11,000 will be for the environmental site assessment at the stump dump so that an access road can be constructed from Wickers Drive.

The Article has been written and they are in the process of approving an explanation to explain to the voters why the money is being asked for and what is being intended. There is a very strong possibility that by the fall of 1997, Wolfeboro Oil will be relocated on land adjacent to 109A. The committee discussed the future plans for the industrial park and other business interested is possibly being able to relocate there in the future. Shirley Ganem explained that she had received a message from a gentlemen named Jim Doniques from So. Portland looking to relocate. The name was given to Tony Triolo who will return the call.

Design Review:

Bill Weibe stated that the EDC will be conducting education sessions on the design review. A background was given as to why the EDC should be involved in this. David Booth would like to have input on the education portion. The target will be to educate the first possible contact with the town before the design stages are complete by the perspective developer. The meetings have been held with the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the TRC. The plan is to continue with various boards in town, Realtors, the business community and others. Sharon has a great concern as to how it is positioned.

Lakes Region Heritage Round Table:

Bill Wiebe reported that the Heritage Round Table is developing a tour of Lake Winnepesaukee. The purpose is to promote the Lakes Region as a whole. There has been a map produced that includes all eight towns around the lake. Eventually this promotion will expand to include all 33 towns in the Lakes Region. There will be a brochure on walking tours of the area to include the historic sites. All this info gathered will be available to schools

Other Discussion Items:

Sharon reported that the Chamber will be holding meetings to discuss how the Town of Wolfeboro should be marketed and to develop a new strategy.

Discussion on the recruiting of new members.

Discussion of the Petitioned Amendmendments for the RV Park, SOB and Nursing/Convelescant Home Definition. Members requested copies of all the Petitioned Articles.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin A. McNally