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**Town of Boscawen
Economic Development
Municipal Building
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

7 **Present:** Mason Donovan – Chair; Barbara Randall–Vice Chair; Adele Sanborn; John Porter;
8 Lorrie Carey –Ex-Officio;
9 Mike Tardiff, Executive Director - Central NH Regional Planning Commission

10 **Excused:** Caroletta Alicea

11 **Staff Present:** Kellee Jo Easler – Planning & Community Development Director; Kearsten
12 O'Brien – Planning & Community Development Assistant

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15 Chair Donovan opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

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17 **Mrs. Sanborn motioned to accept the minutes, Vice Chair Randall asked to amend line 35**
18 **to include the last name Harrington, Ms. Carey seconded. All in favor. None opposed.**

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20 Executive Director Tardiff discussed 79-E and how it gives incentives to those who choose to
21 make an investment in designated districts in Town. A new aspect to the RSA 79-E is that it will
22 allow new housing for mixed uses, such as apartments with retail, to get this incentive. Executive
23 Director Tardiff recommended a workshop or two including the Select Board to learn and make
24 decisions.

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26 **Chair Donovan made a motion to allow Executive Director Tardiff to approach the Select**
27 **Board regarding adopting the RSA 79-E. Vice-Chair Randall seconded. All in favor. None**
28 **Opposed.**

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30 Chair Donovan commented on the transportation tax and he believes residents will be more
31 welcoming to this tax because it applies to all residents, including renters. This money can be
32 used towards public works projects such as paving etc. Discussion ensued about the use of these
33 funds towards various Town projects.

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35 Chair Donovan introduced the commercial property inventory idea, which would be to create a
36 spreadsheet of all the commercial properties in Town. This would highlight what the business is,
37 who the property owner is, is it a rental property etc. This would enable the Town to recognize
38 what commercial properties we have and what they contribute in taxes. Assistant O'Brien stated
39 that this can also enable businesses to let the Town know if they are hiring, and make possible
40 connections to residents looking for employment opportunities.

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42 Assistant O'Brien shared her idea for a Boscawen Business Appreciation Day which would
43 include all businesses in town who want to participate in showcasing their business. This could
44 include food vendors etc. and take place in the park. Chair Donovan requested that conference

45 space available at both The Winthrop Carter House and Avaloch be advertised on the Town
46 website with their allotted capacity.

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48 Chair Donovan stated that he is doing more research for solar panels at the transfer station. A
49 discussion about the mechanics of this ensued. Assistant O'Brien stated that the Select Board
50 agreed to have community power go to Town Meeting to present the idea of Community Power
51 to the residents.

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53 **Vice-Chair Randall motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Sanborn seconded. All in favor. None**
54 **opposed**

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56 **Next meeting will be held on November 1, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.**

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58 *Respectfully submitted by Crystal Tuttle.*