

**Town of Boscawen
Economic Development
Municipal Building
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 6th, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

Present: Barbara Randall—Chair; John Porter—Vice Chair; Adele Sanborn; Michael Tardiff, Executive Director —Central NH Regional Planning Commission; Lorrie Carey —Ex-Officio

Guests: Cheryl Mitchell—Water Precinct Commission Member

Excused: Mason Donovan; Caroletta Alicea

Staff Present: Kearsten O'Brien— Deputy Planning & Community Development Director; Kellee Jo Easler-Planning & Community Development Director; Katie Phelps- Town Administrator

Chair Randall opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes:

Mrs. Adele Sanborn motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ex-Officio Lorrie Carey. All in favor. None opposed.

Old Business:

Economic Development Fair:

Deputy O'Brien said she spoke with the Select Board if they would allow the EDC Fair in the field behind the Municipal Complex and the Select Board said yes. Deputy O'Brien spoke with ten businesses that would be interested in the event and they said they would like more information regarding the event. Ex-Officio Carey suggested doing it the same week as Old Home Day. Chair Randall said her concern with doing it the same week as Old Home Day is for fun and the EDC wants to focus more on the businesses in Boscawen. Ex-Officio Carey said Old Home Day was originally created to bring people back to their home towns to see the growth within their town and give them desire to stay. Ex-Officio Carey said she does not see it being an activity of Old Home Day but done simultaneously because you would have a built in audience. The other suggestion from Ex-Officio Carey would be to hold off until November and see if we could do it with the School Craft Fair. It would be good to piggy back off an event already going on to have the drive of people. The EDC agreed and Chair Randall will check with the PTA to see if the committee can have business booths.

Municipal Transportation Tax:

Mr. Michael Tardiff said the Municipal Transportation tax is an opportunity to add up to five dollars at Town Meeting to the vehicle tax. This would be a transportation fund. This could help

raise dollars to add matching dollars to federal dollars that can help with adding lighting, extending concord transit, EV charging stations and more. Mr. Tardiff said he will do an FAQ regarding the Municipal Transportation Tax. Chair Randall asked if they had to have something in mind specific before. Mr. Tardiff said he does not believe so. Mrs. Sanborn said it would be interesting to know how many cars we have in Town. Deputy O'Brien said she will ask Town Clerk Nicole Hoyt. Vice Chair Porter asked how it affects the agricultural plates. He is concerned for the farmers that have, for example, 15 vehicles. Mr. Tardiff said he will look into that.

New Business:

NHDHR Federal Historic Tax Credit: Deputy O'Brien attended the NHDHR Federal Historic Tax Credit Information Workshop. The Tax Credit is used for Historic Buildings that are income producing and need rehabilitation. The credit allows for equal to 20% of the qualifying expenses. The Buildings must be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places if not already listed. It can be paired with 79-E and other tax incentives. Deputy PCD O'Brien asked the EDC if they would like Brandee Loughlin to come and speak with them about the Tax Credit. The EDC agreed to have Ms. Loughlin come and speak to the Tax Credit. Ms. Mitchell asked if there was a time period that the money would have to be spent. Mr. Tardiff said he does not believe so because it would be in a capital reserve.

EV Charging Stations:

Mr. Tardiff presented the EDC with a snippet about the EV charging stations. He would like the EDC, Energy Committee, and Planning Board to keep an eye out for grants and other funds that can allow for the charging stations to be installed within the Town and also areas in Town that may be good for them. Level one charging station is plugging into the house overnight. Level two is like a dryer connection and need to be wired. Phase three is the fast charging. Prices hopefully will come down. There is a program that is 80/20 federal dollars and is a program to watch out for.

Other Business:

Water Precinct: Cheryl Mitchell informed the EDC that they have a new Precinct Commissioner Frank Dineen. He will finish out Bruce Crawford's term. PCD Director Easler asked if the PBWP was looking at any infrastructure grants. Mrs. Mitchell said they are looking for grants for new well sources. PCD Director Easler said it would be a good time for the precinct to look into the water source along King Street and put in new infrastructure, when the redevelopment starts along King Street.

ERZ:

Deputy O'Brien suggested inviting businesses within the ERZ District to come to an EDC meeting to learn about the ERZ and how it can benefit the business. The EDC was in agreement and would like to start early reminders since it is due February 10.

The next meeting will be held on July 13th, 2022.

Ex-Officio Carey motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Adele Sanborn. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Kearsten O'Brien.