

Town of Waterboro

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Waterboro Town Hall Annex

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman, Chris Binette.

Roll Call: Sue Rocray, Leo Binette, Chris Binette, Dianne Holden, Doug Foglio, Sr., and Tom Ursia.

Approval of Minutes: Sue made the motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 3, 2009 as written. Chris seconded. Voted, passed.

Old Business:

SBA Incentives: Discussed how existing businesses could benefit from capital improvement loans. Tom feels that this is the next step after the Banker's meeting, contacting SBA. He has contact Lee Cheever, Certified Business Counselor of Maine SBDC Service Center of So. York County, but has had no response as yet. If no follow-up is completed, the next step would be to contact SBA directly and ask for one of their government officials. Chris to make contact with Lee to be sure helpful information can be obtained. Discussion of Economic Development monies available, ie: Bidd/Saco and Scarborough. Chris, Tom and Doug will work on list of contact people. Doug feels we need to educate ourselves in order to give the right information in packet form to people looking for the information. All agreed to proceed with project.

EDC Goals: Discussion that we need to keep on track with the goals we set. Dianne will have them on paper for easier reference at the next meeting.

Form-Based Codes: Chris presented the Committee with an innovative zoning technique which focuses on 'shaping the form of the built environment rather than on uses'. It answers conventional zoning's inability to define and create character and walkable, mixed use communities. Land use is secondary to design. FBC is very place specific and usually regulates at the neighborhood scale or smaller, and will not supplant conventional zoning because they are so place specific. It is another tool communities can use to maintain the New England character of villages, downtowns and new town centers.

New Business:

Traffic Counts: Tom noted that as part of marketing the Town, we need to get traffic counts, and can get it done for no monies. Sue made the motion to have Tom proceed. Chris seconded. Voted, passed.

Commissioner ME Economic Development: Tom is working on having John Richardson, Director, come to a Board of Selectmen's meeting, which the EDC will be invited.

Thought Lists: Deferred to next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:35 pm made by Sue, seconded by Doug. Voted, passed.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 1, 4-5:30 PM, Town Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Holden".

Dianne Holden, Secretary