

Town of Waterboro

Economic Development Committee

Minutes

February 26, 2014

Call to Order: 5:10 PM, by Chairman Leo Binette. Present: John Wade, Deb Harding and Don Holden, members; Sel. Dennis Abbott, Sel. Dave Woodsome, Town Planner Tom Ursia; and, guest, Sharon Abbott. Absent: John Wade, member.

Minutes: Don made the motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2014 as written. Leo Seconded. Voted, passed.

Correspondence: John sent an e-mail in regards to not being able to attend tonight's meeting.

Announcements: Leo has talked with several people in banking, in regards to them joining the EDC. He would like to see a small and large business person join also. Tom noted that perhaps some honorary members could be found that could open doors for the Committee, York County based would be preferable.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Economic Development Chapter for the Comprehensive Plan: Tom presented an overview of the completed Comprehensive Plan Chapters, and also spoke on the ones to be completed. He stated that the EC chapter needs to be targeted well and Scarborough's 'The Vision' would be a good template. Dennis stated that the Committee doesn't need to model theirs after Scarborough's as they spent a lot, but the structure of it has all the things that will need to be addressed. He noted that SEDCO was quasi-municipal group. Tom stated that if the Committee thinks 'The Vision' is a good template, they should use their titles and integrate wording from the chapters completed by the 20/20. Task assignments: I. Marketing & Communications-Tom; II. Planning & Development Process-Tom; III. Energy & Green Development-Leo; IV. Land Use & Zoning-Tom; V. Regional Cooperation-Dennis; VI. Education-Deb; VII. Quality of Life-Deb; VIII. Cost of Doing Business & Financial Assistance-Dennis; IX. Type of Development-Leo; and, X. Transportation & Infrastructure-Don. Drafts will be reviewed at the March 12th. meeting.

General Discussion:

2014-2015 Budget: Dennis will contact the Town Administrator in regards to a 2014-2015 budget for the EDC.

Adjournment: Deb made the motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Don seconded. Voted, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Holden

Committee Secretary

Agenda items for the March 12, 2014 meeting:

- Economic Development Chapter for the Comprehensive Plan – Task Assignments
- 2014-2015 Budget Request
- State – Business Friendly designation: review criteria
- Committee Work Plan for 2014
- General Discussion

Approved: April 9, 2014