

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting

Friday, December 8, 2017 at Kelley's Row Restaurant, 417 Rte. 108, Somersworth NH

Present: Councilors Dave Witham, Marty Dumont, and Jon McCallion. Councilor Sprague-absent.

Staff present: Manager Bob Belmore, Director Shanna Saunders and Economic Development Director Robin Comstock.

Chairman McCallion Called meeting to order 9:30 a.m.

- Approved past meeting minutes, passed: 3-0 vote.
- Robin gave an introduction of what she will bring to the ED manager position. She wanted to share the city vision and how she will conduct outreach face to face one business at a time. A general discussion followed regarding the vast experience Robin has through her leadership roles with the Dover, Portsmouth and Manchester Chamber of Commerce as well as other professional experiences.
- Misc: Various updates were provided on business happenings throughout the City as well as project work and the recent planning Charette on the Plaza. The Committee asked that Form Based Codes be further researched for future discussion and potential adoption by the full City Council.
- Former Police Station property: discussion on the disposition of this City-owned property. Motion to support listing the sale of the former police station property on Main Street with a realtor, passed: 3-0 vote.

Motion to adjourn approved, 3-0, at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Jon McCallion, EDC Chairman