

Economic Development Committee---DRAFT-----DRAFT-----DRAFT

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2008

Present: Chris Mueller, Pete Ventura, Jason Lenk, Doug Clark, Susan Fuller, Jim Campbell (staff)

- I. Call to order 7:30
- II. Public comments
  - a. Celissa Hoyt: DBA is looking forward to working with EDC
  - b. Neil Niman:
    - i. UNH in discussions with Todd Selig will survey how students spend their money and where. Marketing department professor Peter Marsucchi will make this a project for his class. The project will need a sponsor (~\$1000 )and someone to present to. Good partnership opportunity for EDC and DBA. There may be an opportunity to broaden the survey to include Durham residents.
    - ii. Zoning change update: RB to ORLI at Mill Rd/ Packers Falls. Council is in discussions to negotiate a conservation easement of 63 acres to go along with use restrictions for a proposed development. This would be a good site for town playing fields.
    - iii. Watch for an economic development opportunity in collaboration with UNH in the next 1-2 months...EDC should expect to be tasked.
- III. Programs/Tools update
  - a. Review of tools and programs presented by Jim Campbell
    - i. (see attachment to 9.26.08 agenda) RSA 79-E, TIF, NMTC, HUB zones, Business visitation, TDR, PUD, NHDRED, SBDC, SEDC
- IV. Strategic Plan
  - a. Jim Campbell presented an outline for the proposed Strategic Plan. It was requested that he further break down the table of contents to more specific sections.
  - b. There was discussion about which process was most appropriate to create a viable solution. Doug Clark favors public input at the ground level, Pete Ventura favored public input after a basic framework was established. No consensus was reached by the group, discussion was postponed until the next meeting in 2 weeks due to time constraints.

Items IV-IX postponed until next meeting.

X           Adjournment (9:00 am)

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