**Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 Meeting opened at 8:00AM @ Town Office

**Present:** Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Administrative Assistant; Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC; Chris Bowes, Selectmen; Jared Reynolds, UNH Cooperative Extension, Liz Robinson, Public Member/Realtor and Jay Hickey, Zoning Compliance Officer.

Meeting opened at 8:00am.

Mike Tardiff was in contact with Mr. Mike D’Amante who would like to be added to the committee email list as he owns property on Route 4 and may be interested in our ERZ benefits.

Mike and Kelly spoke about the ERZ application. The application was signed and approved by the Board of Selectmen at their last meeting. Kelly will complete the other paper work necessary and submit to DRED.

The signs for the ERZ (x4 locations) were discussed. Mike suggested having members submit their ideas for names – each corridor into Epsom will require a sign. Therefore, the name could be simply East Route 4 or North of 28…. We can be creative or just keep the Town emblem and “Town of Epsom” – your choice!

Kelly will attach the sample sign with email of minutes.

The RSA 79-E was discussed and Kelly noted that the Board of Selectmen approved to recommend the warrant article for the 2018 Town Meeting vote. Kelly will provide the RSA explanation and the map submitted by CNHRPC. The areas that could be considered as a “village” would be the Goboro Road. The former hotel would be a great example to utilize the benefits of the tax incentive. Jay Hickey said someone may be interest in the property and could mention the new tax credits to potential buyer.

The other RSA for tax incentives, 72:76 for construction will be discussed for next year. Some area Towns have already adopted this.

The Village water was discussed again and noted that the meeting with Gary Lynn, DES, Village Water Commissioners and Underwood Engineer was very informative and promising for promoting future development. Kelly noted that the Board of Selectmen also discussed future capacity and availability of the water source. The Selectmen developed a warrant for capital reserve to help start the process for a study to see the feasibility of a third well in the future. The amount asked for this year is $10,000. The cost for the study could be up to $25,000.00. The committee will discuss other funding that could help with this future project.

Mike mentioned the Getty station as he spoke with the Engineers about the site and it could still be used a gas station.

The new web site for the Town will be hosted by Virtual Towns and Schools. Kelly will keep the committee updated as this process will take some time. In the meantime, Mike suggested utilizing “Choose NH” site to help advertise our ERZ.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55AM. The next meeting will be on the **6th of February 8:00AM at Town Office.**

The March meeting may be postponed due to Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Dearborn-Luce