## **Town of Epsom Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Meeting opened at 8:00AM @ Town Office

**Present:** Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Administrator; Mike Tardiff, CNHRPC, Bobbie-Lynn Thomas, C21, Louis Houle, Pittsfield Community, Jarod Reynolds, UNH-COOP Ext. and Peter Arvanitis, Citizen.

Members introduced themselves.

Mike Tardiff showed the new signs to the group! Kelly will work with the Road Agent to post them. Mike explained the ERZ's and the 79-E tax incentives.

Kelly Dearborn-Luce asked Peter Arvanitis to attend the meeting to discuss interactions with the Planning and Zoning Boards regarding an application process. Peter explained the previous approval for a commercial building and now each individual tenant (business) must apply for a special exception. Peter said if the process is time consuming they may lose tenants. Kelly explained that if the Economic Development is promoting and encouraging the business to come into Town then we should try for a better process to make it user-(business) friendly. The group discussed reorganizing some regulations, better informed application process and meeting with the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Board members for further discussions. Louis suggested a "mission statement".

Mike and Bobbi Lynn will be attending the Chamber meeting in October to discuss the advertisements of businesses and to help promote businesses. Bobbi Lynn spoke about the flowers and/or flags that some businesses put up to make an area more attractive in the community.

Louis spoke about the Chamber of Commerce and what Pittsfield has done. Pittsfield has worked with Jared from UNH-COOP Ext and had Tilton residents come into their Town to make suggestions. The results are being discussed at the next Chamber meeting.

Kelly said Kevin Reeves was still working on the water line extension but they are in negotiations on an easement which held up the bidding process.

The next meeting will be schedule for October 2, 2018 at 8:00AM at Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10AM

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Dearborn-Luce