

ROCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
February 14, 2013  
4:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
31 WAKEFIELD ST., ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Lundborn - Chairman  
John Larochelle, Vice-Chairman  
Kevin Ryan  
Ron Poulin  
Heather Tacconi  
John Shapleigh

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janet Davis, Secretary  
Tim Cremmen

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Provost, Director, Rochester Main Street

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Lundborn called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Introductions were made, attendance was taken.
- B. APPROVAL – January Regular Minutes – Minutes were not prepared as of yet. Regular Secretary still on leave due to death in family. Fill in Secretary form January had not typed up minutes yet. Approval will take place in March.
- C. DISCUSSION - Update from Main Street by Mike Provost,
- Discussed Annual Meeting and Awards
  - Hospitality Training possibly for Downtown Businesses and their employees.
- D. DISCUSSION - Economic Revitalization Zones and the benefits to owners/businesses:
- Get tax Credit for 5 years
  - Goes toward the Enterprise Tax
  - City currently has 3: GSBP, GRDD and the Coheco Revitalization District
  - Cities get zones by applying to DRED. It helps if there is a business or use lined up to take advantage.
  - Next proposed Zone will be Route 125 from the end of Sewer to Market Basket (same area as sewer expansion using EDAGrant for)
- E. DISCUSSION - EDA Grant Delay
- The EDA Grant the City has qualified for to use to build the sewer from around Hannaford Route 125 to Market Basket is on hold (Due to the sequester and its ramifications)
  - This is problematic because it could force Stonewall Kitchens to look elsewhere for space.

- Looking at a 6 month delay which really wrecks havoc on the design and construction schedule.
- F. DISCUSSION - Aerospace/Advanced Manufacturing Regional Cluster
- The Planning Staff of the surrounding Municipalities have begun work on a Aerospace/Advanced Manufacturing Cluster
  - The idea is that together we can all expand on the businesses that we have of this type in the area.
  - Members include: Rochester, Somersworth, Dover, Portsmouth, the PDA, DRED, SRPC, RRPC, Great Bay Community College and UNH
  - REDC definitely supports this effort, looks forward to seeing it grow.
- G. UPDATE – TIF Plan for Granite Ridge Development District – Set to be voted on in May at Council.
- The first project in GRDD is in design and stands to be quite a large one with many retail, commercial components.
  - TIF being active will go a long way to moving this along.
  - Cost estimates need to be updated before TIF finalized.
- H. UPDATE – FY14 Budget & ED Fund
- Budget season again.
  - The usual need for support of ED will be necessary as things progress.
  - ED Fund itself is negative.
  - This needs to be sorted and fixed.
- I. UPDATE – Comp Re-zoning Recommendations Set for February 26 at 7pm at the Frisbie Conference Center.
- J. NON PUBLIC SESSION
- K. ADJOURN – Motion made by Chairman Lundborn Seconded by Susan DeRroy, Vote Unanimous