

ROCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
March 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  
Susan DeRoy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janet Davis, Secretary  
Tim Cremmen  
Heather Tacconi  
John Shapleigh

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 prepared will be distributed online and voted on.
- Regular Secretary still on leave due to death in family.
  - February minutes APPROVED
- C. DISCUSSION - EDA Grant – Still Processing at the Philadelphia office of the Federal Govt
- Regional Representative has approved
  - Washington D.C. office has approved funding
  - Pending review of application in Philadelphia
  - Once approved will go back to DC for final approval
  - Due to delay, Stonewall Kitchen is broadening their search
- D. DISCUSSION - Rochester Business Plan Competition:
- \$1000 committed to competition by Thompson Investment Casting
  - The Program is in jeopardy due to less support by ABI than originally advertised
  - Susan, Mary Jo and Mary Ellen are unsatisfied with the package put together particularly the summary letter
  - The package is being reworked
- E. DISCUSSION - Aerospace/Advanced Manufacturing regional Cluster
- Two initiatives
  - State Program:
    - a. Consortium to help small companies to expand export out of country
    - b. 300 aerospace and defense contractors on NH

- Regional Program.
  - a. Support the activity occurring on the manufacturing side
  - b. Discussing how to support and attract these companies
- 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. DISCUSSION – REDC Goals 2013 -2014
  - Group ran through the Goals we are currently operating on.
  - Many of the goals were completed.
  - Next meeting of REDC will be used to set 2013 -2014 Goals
  - Business Retention and Expansion Program was discussed and REDC will now volunteer to go on business visits with the ED Dept in a round robin order.
- H. ADJOURN – Motion made by Chairman Lundborn Seconded by Susan DeRoy, Vote Unanimous