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**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
**Economic Development
Committee**

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Minutes
Economic Development Committee
October 27th, 2017

Attendees included Steve Russo, Tad Putney, Donna Marsh, Eric Bernstein, Eddie Arnold, Gerrell Smith, and Valérie Rearick.

Minutes

Steve moved to approve the minutes of August 15th, 2017 meeting as written. Seconded by Donna. All voted yes.

(There was no meeting in September)

Improvements Lot H-39 (across the street from the Chapel)

Tad gave some feedback about the chapel occupancy. Many weddings have been celebrated and many more are being booked. The lot across the street is a great place to take pictures. Eddie said that he started clearing. The best will be to plant small shrubs, Hostas, have something simple and easy to maintain. The path would be covered with packed dust which is better than small gravel for ladies to walk with heels. Having a bench and a trellis would be great. This lot will also be a great location to rest for people who use the sidewalks.

Cleaning/maintenance would be a great spring project for the Boys/Girls Scouts.

Signs Entering Brookline

Tad contacted Mark Post, Agricultural Commission in Hollis. High school students designed the Hollis signs logo. Tad also reached out to the Principal. Working on the logo/design for Brookline could be a great opportunity for the students. Classic Signs in Amherst did the signs for Hollis.

Bridal Show

Valerie reported that the event went very well and most of the vendors who returned the survey indicated that they would be back next year. One suggestion made on several occasions by vendors was to change the end from 3:00 pm to 2:30pm. The last ½ hour is “dead” and no visitors are coming after 2:30 pm. In order to attract even more visitors, Eddie suggested providing small flyers to vendors so they can give them to their customers.

Update on Businesses

- Alamo. Tad mentioned that Pam Mariano contacted him about a final inspection for The Alamo. They have made progress on the work that needs to be done and this is very encouraging. We hope to see them open soon.
- Ladd's Convenient Store. The property has been sold and the new owners have contacted the town about opening an ice cream business. They would also sell hot dogs or similar food as they are planning to be open year long. They are currently working with the State of NH, the building inspector and they will need to go to the ZBA before going to the Planning Board.
- Chrysanthi's Restaurant. It is good to see Chrysanthi's success and expansion. Attendees discussed having a "success story" article on the new addition with pictures on the first page of the next EDC newsletter. Tad will reach out to them to see about having a segment film for Channel 192.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 14th – 6:30 pm.

Agenda items:

- Survey for business owners
- Cook-Off
- Newsletter
- Signs entering Brookline

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Valérie Rearick.