



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**Brookline
Economic Development Advisory
Committee**

Monday December 03, 2012 meeting
6:30 pm – Brookline Town Hall

Attended the meeting:

Ron Pelletier, Planning Board
Susan Adams, Resident
Tad Putney, Town Administrator
Valérie Maurer, Town Planner
Melanie Levesque, Resident
Dana MacAllister, Planning Board
John Carr, Selectmen Representative

Discussion took place regarding the organization of the Committee, having a Chair, Co-Chair. Members agreed that the Committee needs more people to join, and then we will elect a team leader or co-leaders.

Time Table

Dana asked about feedback (a packet) on the Roundtable to business owners who attended. **Dana** said that he would use the packet put together by the Town of Milford and will adapt it to Brookline.

Tad went through the to-do list with the group and members agreed to the following:

- Follow-up discussions with selected business owners: **Melanie** will contact Danielle Beaudette, Spiros Gerekos and Don Hoard. **Dana** will contact Ben Senter.
- Develop Brookline focused packet to be given to new residents: **Melanie** will talk to the Women's Club who used to have a welcome packet for new residents.
- Develop packet to be handed out to individuals at town hall that inquire about starting/locating new business in Brookline: **Valérie** will work on putting a packet together.
- Add business owners to the Committee: Invite business owners, one at the time/single meeting, to upcoming meetings: Margaret Monachelli, Ben Chandler, Paul Andres, Spiros Gerekos, Don Hoard, Mark Fenske, etc. **Tad** said that she would contact Margaret and Don for the upcoming meetings on January 14 and 28, 2013.
- Recreation Commission / Old Home Days: **Sue** will contact them and see if they can attend one of the meetings in January.

- Identify Ombudsman to assist business owners with Planning Board: **Dana** said that he would talk to Darrell Philpot.

The Action Items / Deliverable spread sheet will be updated and forwarded to all members.

Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce / 2013 Business Expo

Valérie and **Ron** attended the welcome meeting for potential new members on November 27th at Souhegan. It was very informative and the Town would benefit from joining the Chamber of Commerce. During town events (garden club, women's club, eagles scouts, and at the ice skate rink for example) and local business expos, we could ask for sponsors, having businesses advertizing by putting signs up. Ron could host a large business expo at his facility.

The 2013 southern NH Expo will also be a great opportunity to promote the town and town's organizations. Everyone agreed that the town should become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and register for the 2013 business expo. Total cost for 2013 would be around \$300.

Tad said that he would seek to add it to the budget.

Traffic Count on Route 13

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission recently conducted a traffic count. **Tad** said that surprisingly, the numbers along the southern portion of route 13 have not changed much in the past 10 years and are approximately 7,000 vehicles a day. The exception is the area on Route 13 between South Main Street and Townsend Hill road where a recent daily traffic count approached 10,000 vehicles per day.

Next Meeting

Next meetings will be held on Monday January 14 and 28, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Submitted by Valérie Maurer