

# Town of Chesterfield Economic Development Committee

## MINUTES July 28, 2016

### Attendees

Jon Starbuck, chair, Mike Reed, Don Brehm, Bob Brockmann.

Absent: Judy Hueber, Jorge Crespo, Jon McKeon Selectmen's Rep

Also in attendance: Town Administrator Rick Carrier

Jon S called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

The committee review the minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup> and approved them as written.

Town updates were noted. Enchanted Bakery may be sold, Highlander Arms is in their new building and Area 51, the fireworks store, received a building permit.

Jon provided an overview of his meeting with the Board of Selectmen in June. Jon requested that if a member knows they cannot make a meeting, to let Rick know, as recently there have been a couple of meetings when a quorum was not present.

Jon provided some objectives for the EDC moving forward. Those objectives include defining the type of businesses we would like to attract, defining commercial properties and the available services for those properties and to redefine how to best support existing businesses and how to get them involved. It was suggested one way to get existing businesses involved would be to change the business forum location from Peoples Bank, as that might entice businesses who were curious about the location. Businesses that could be approached would be Ames Performance.

Mike suggested developing and sending an email survey to current businesses. Jon suggested either a joint meeting with the Planning Board or to invite the chairman James Corliss to an EDC meeting to see how the EDC can work in conjunction with the Planning Board to assist businesses. Members of the EDC will be asked to come up with a list of items that could be presented to the Planning Board. Bob will coordinate the suggestions.

Mike will draft a Public Relations campaign to realtors regarding the perception that Chesterfield is not business friendly.

For future Business Forum meetings, Jon will contact Bob Maibusch at the golf course and Don will contact Don Emery about hosting the next forum.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by: Rick Carrier