

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 22, 2018

Attendees: Jon Starbuck, Selectman Representative Norman VanCor, Christine Dufresne, Phil Shaw, Jeanny Aldrich (new Selectman Representative), and Simon Jones (Guest)

Absent: Don Brehm

Starbuck called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Jones was introduced as an interested prospective member. Aldrich was introduced as the new Selectman Representative to replace VanCor.

The committee reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting.

Jeff Scott gave a presentation on the Town Hall Annex proposal. He emphasized the importance of the project to the Town.

Committee continued discussion from last month on housing. Shaw explained research he did on affordable housing. Discussion on definition and benefits of affordable housing. Reviewed Master Plan surveys and tables on housing and where people work. Shaw suggested that a good source of information on housing could come from CARH (Committee on Affordable and Rural Housing) National Association.

Shaw brought up having a sit-down restaurant in Town. There is a businessman in Town that has interest in starting a restaurant in Town. What can the Town do? He says there is concern that there is a disconnect between Town boards. There is an on-going perception around that doing business in Chesterfield is difficult.

Discussed streamlining the permitting and approval process for working with business to get projects approved.

EDC would like to do a Town-wide survey to ask about housing.

Next meeting is April 19, 2018.

VanCor was asked to invite Rod Parsons to next meeting to discuss housing and code enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman W. VanCor