

**Town of Chesterfield  
Economic Development Committee**

**MINUTES  
November 16, 2017**

**Attendees**

Jon Starbuck, chair, Don Brehm, Selectman representative Norman VanCor  
Also in attendance: Town Administrator Rick Carrier  
Absent: Jeff Migneault  
Others: Christine Dufresne

Jon S called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Christine was introduced to the committee as being a prospective member.

Rick handed out copies of the town's zoning ordinance to those present.

Jon provided Christine a brief history of recent activities of the EDC, including the business forums.

The committee reviewed the zoning ordinances. Don noted he was at a lunch meeting which included the mayor of Keene and the mayor noted that Keene is in the process of doing a complete re-write of their zoning. Norman spoke to the Enchanted Bakery/J&J store area and pointed out that there are five lots in that area, four are zoned commercial and the lot that Enchanted Bakery is on is zoned residential. Committee discussed the sign ordinance and wonder what could be proposed to the planning board to make them more business friendly.

Rick explained the Home Business section of the Zoning Ordinance. There are three types of home businesses, depending on what type of home business is being proposed.

Norman would like to put some effort into looking at options for workplace housing. Norman pointed out the results of the town-wide survey that was done for the Master Plan. From that survey, the townspeople noted there is a want/need for a sit-down restaurant and for affordable elderly housing. Rick suggested placing an advertisement stating that 54% of citizens in a recent survey would like to see a sit-down restaurant in town to encourage an entrepreneur to look at the possibilities in Chesterfield. Jon will look back in his notes from meetings with DRED to get their input into Rick's suggestion. Norman will contact the chief planner at SWRPC about how the town can attract affordable elderly housing.

The committee received invoices for work done at the former town office building. *Don moved to reimburse the expenses in the amount of \$599.73 for that work, seconded by Norman. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

Rick spoke to the idea of community concerts next spring/summer, which was proposed by Erin Scaggs. Norman spoke to the success of the farmer's market on the former town office building grounds and how that might expand next year. Norman noted that the court case Lanoue v Town of Chesterfield was found in favor of Lanoue.

Next meeting will be December 21<sup>st</sup>. Norman will invite Nicole Brassard Jordan from the State Liquor Commission to that meeting. There will be no EDC meeting in January.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by: Rick Carrier