

ROCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES - APRIL 10, 2014
4:00 P.M. – CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT -

Rick Lundborn, Chairman
John Larochele, Co-Chairman
Ron Poulin
Kevin Ryan
Janet Davis, Secretary
Mary Ellen Humphrey, REDC Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT -

Timothy Cremmen
Jonathan Shapleigh
Heather Tacconi
Susan DeRoy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE - Stacey Price, Executive Director, Rochester Housing Authority, Fred Glidden, Commissioner RHA, City Councilor Mac Kittredge

- A. CALL TO ORDER –Chairman Lundborn called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. Attendance was taken, and introductions made.
- B. APPROVAL – January 9, 2014 Regular Minutes –
Motion made by Rick Lundborn, second by Kevin Ryan to approve the regular minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
- C. DISCUSSION – Rochester Housing Authority, Roberge Center
~Guest Executive Director Stacey Price
Executive Director Stacey Price brought us up to date on the Roberge Center. RHA purchased this property from the City in 1993 and updated the building and has used it as meeting space. The City has no interest in purchasing it from the RHA. The Housing Authority would like to put one bedroom units in it, subject to an approval from HUD. RHA was interested in any ideas the REDC would have regarding good uses for this building. Parking is an issue. Mary Ellen questioned if CBDG funds could be used for renovations. The City has the first right of refusal. Mary Ellen and Karen Pollard believe that Main Street could use it for meetings. John Larochele mentioned that anyone who uses it does not fund clean up costs. The City and non-profits are the ones who use it the most. The question came as to whether or not HUD would allow Main Street to use it as incubator space, and Stacey Price did not know if that would be allowed. Ron Poulin asked about a joint effort between the City and private enterprise. Commissioner Glidden asked if the court house may have an interest in it. Further discussion held on partnerships – Ron Poulin suggested Eric Chinburg or Dick Anagnost be contacted for ideas and Mary Ellen will contact them to see if they would be interested in coming to give us their opinions/suggestions.

- D. DISCUSSION - Membership Recruitment –
~ Suggestions for membership – Rochester residents –
Two seats are available and the candidates must be Rochester residents. Ron Poulin will apply for re-appointment. Various individuals were discussed and Laura Ring of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce will be contacted to see if she has any suggestions. If any of the REDC members have an individual they would like to recommend, contact Chairman Lundborn.
- E. DISCUSSION - Spaulding Turnpike Coalition – May 7, Frisbie Ed. Center
~ Invitation List Assignments - Mary Ellen will provide that information so we can contact them in order to have good attendance.
~ Agenda for Discussion – Mary Ellen will also forward that information to all Commissioners.
- F. DISCUSSION – Chapter 42 Zoning Schedule –
G. Review the Latest Draft Version at:
http://www.rochesternh.net/Public_Documents/Rochester-NH_Planning/CompRezon/?Lower=1-20&Upper=1-200
No discussion held -
- H. DISCUSSION – Skyhaven Wings & Wheels – June 7, 2014
~ REDC Table Sign Ups
~Tote Bags and Materials
~ How can we help maximize economic impact?
Discussion held and REDC decided to not have a table at this event.
- I. OTHER BUSINESS –
~ Start up Competition - May 8, 2014 at 36 Industrial Way. Mary Ellen did not have firm numbers on the applicants but she will forward that information to us.
~ Seacoast Manufacturing Exchange – The third event was held on April 9th at Laars Heating. There was a good turnout and interesting discussions were held. These meetings are advantageous to all who attend. Mary Ellen suggested that the manufacturers take over organizing these meetings.
~ Building Initiative Update - No discussion held.
- J. NON-PUBLIC – (None required)
- K. Adjourn - Motion made at 5:45PM to adjourn by Ron Poulin, second by Rick Lundborn to adjourn. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9, 2014 AT 4:00 PM –
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 31 WAKEFIELD ST., ROCHESTER, NH

