

Town of North Hampton NH

Economic Development Committee Minutes

Minutes from May 2, 2018 [Video of Meeting](#)

Jim Better, presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Glenn Martin

Phil Wilson

Nancy Monaghan

Rick Stanton

Gary Stevens

Anthony Pastelis

Kathy Kilgore

Les Stachow

Staff Present: Bryan Kaenrath, Town Administrator

Minutes:

Item 1. Review of UNH Town Wide Economic Development Survey. Key findings include: (Summary Draft [UNH Draft Report](#))

Route 1 IBR District

Most residents favor greater development in the IBR zone.

Most resident favor filling empty stores over new development.

Most residents favor a sewer system along Rout1 but not willing to suffer increased taxes to pay for it.

Most residents disapprove high density development that may go along with a sewer system

Signage

Most residents say it is very or somewhat easy to find local business signs and are in favor maintaining 'dark night-time sky'.

More than half the residents would approve brightly lit signs if they were turned off at 9:00 PM.

Economic Development

Residents would like to see reduced taxes as part of an economic development agenda.

Residents have a favorable opinion of locally owned stores and, especially, restaurants.

About half of the residents are in favor of hiring an economic development expert.

Recreation

Collaborating with other local towns is seen as a positive by a wide margin, especially as it regards the New Hampshire Greenway project.

Maintaining and increasing recreational opportunities is strongly supported.

Quality of Life

Maintaining North Hampton's rural atmosphere is important to most residents.

Nearly all residents and business owners say it is important to maintain aquifers, wetlands, forests and open spaces and to beautify Route 1.

The Committee will consider the report for further discussion on June 6, 2018.

- Item 2: There is a general consensus that the Rockingham Planning Commission be invited to a future meeting to discuss plans for Lafayette Road.
- Item 3: The minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting were approved
- Item 4: Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2018 beginning at 5:00 PM. The July meeting will be scheduled for July 11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05

Jim Better, Chair of the EDC

