

Town of North Hampton NH

Economic Development Visioning Sub-Committee Minutes

Minutes from January 16, 2018

Joe Bernardo, presiding officer, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Members present were:

Nancy Monaghan Bob Schoenberger Jim Better

Noon - Call to order at noon

The charge to the committee is to develop a visioning statement that will guide the EDC in its deliberations.

Items discussed include:

Re-write zoning rules to accommodate more business development along Route 1

The vision ought to relate to the benefit and welfare of the residents

Consider talking with a Cultural Consultant regarding what's acceptable to the residents.

Economic development needs to be seen as a personal benefit to each resident.

The sub-committee concluded that the following be presented to the EDC as the visioning statement for the committee to follow: **VISION STATEMENT**

The North Hampton Economic Development Committee envisions the expansion of business that are of a benefit and for the welfare of the residents in particularly designated areas along the Routes 1 and 111 corridors, while preserving and enhancing the rural character in the remaining areas of the Town. Business development should be clean, be at least tax neutral than it requires in services and be largely local in management and ownership.

Furthermore, the vision subcommittee recommends that after the completion of the survey,

1. Thus subcommittee further defines “of a benefit and for the welfare” business
2. Invite an external consultant to the EDC to discuss how to attract such business
3. The EDC then debate if we recommend a leader to attract such business and ensure “tax neutrality”. This leader can take the form of:
 - a. A new town staff position

- b. Repurpose the EDC
- c. An appeal to the business association to take on more of the ownership
- d. A combination of the above or different solution as determined by the EDC

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM