

November 14, 2024 Economic Development Committee Meeting

Agenda

- Committee Member Introductions
- Agree on Future Meeting Dates
- Discuss Objectives for Economic Development Committee

Attendance - In Person-Pat Balch, Rick Blackshaw, Dan Bonin, Kellie Durkee, Cory Flint, Phil Harrell, Lisa Hoekstra, Tony Marino, John Quackenbos, Pam Shughart, Pete Smith. The meeting was held in Abbott Library in the NH History Conference room from 5:30-7pm.

Introductions: Committee members introduced themselves and shared why they joined the committee and what they hoped the committee would be able to accomplish.

Select Upcoming Meeting Dates: Committee members discussed setting a deadline for when the committee would be ready to share recommendations with the community and set July 1 as the deadline. The committee agreed to a next committee meeting on Thursday, December 5th and then to hold meetings every several weeks on Thursdays starting in January until recommendations are complete.

Discuss Objectives for the Economic Development Committee

Phil Harrell suggested that the committee discuss the objectives of the committee and vision for the harbor. The committee members discussed the need for balanced growth with the idea of creating a social center in town that would give people a reason to connect face-to-face and build a sense of community. Ideas discussed included: a) having a good anchor restaurant in town year-round, possibly having two or three restaurants (breakfast and dinner places) to create a restaurant network effect, b) finding other reasons for people to come down to the harbor such as a country/general store, playground, or a dog park. Suggestions were made to study other NH towns that are thriving to understand how they did it. Committee members agreed that it would be helpful to all get educated on the history of the Sunapee Harbor Riverway (SHR).

Next Steps:

Schedule SHR representatives to come to our next meeting on Thursday, December 5th.