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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025
Whitcomb Hall, Main Street, Swanzey, NH

Note: Minutes are not final until reviewed and approved by the Committee. Review and approval of minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.

CALL TO ORDER:
The regular meeting of the Swanzey Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Cathy Bergstrom.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair Cathy Bergstrom, JR Coughlin, Angelo Skip DiBernardo, Greg Johnson, Gus Lerandeau, and Selectman Mark LaBelle were present.

ABSENT:
Hannah Maynard was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:
Mark Scalera, Planning Board member, was present.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the EDAC meeting of February 10, 2025 were approved by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS:
Planning Office Update. Bergstrom read aloud the Planning Office memo of February 10, 2025 regarding ZBA #25-001 and #25-002, Black Belt LLC's application for a drive-through restaurant on the corner of Marcy Hill and Route 12. Bergstrom highlighted points from the March 27, 2025 Planning Board meeting minutes related to the application for that drive-through restaurant. Bergstrom highlighted points from the April 10, 2025 Planning Board meeting

minutes related to Conditional Use Permits, specifically a wetlands conservation district. Scalera commented that there has been discussion about a possible May 2025 joint meeting with Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Becoming Small Business Advocates. Bergstrom reminded the committee members they were to review the Site Plan Regulations found on the Town website prior to this meeting, in preparation for a joint meeting with the Planning Board. Bergstrom referenced the January 28, 2025 letter from EDAC to the Board of Selectmen proposing that the Selectboard and Planning Board partner with EDAC to assist EDAC in becoming an advocate for small businesses in Swanzey.

Bergstrom walked through the Site Plan Review Regulations & Application document, highlighting areas where further detail may prove helpful, as well as including hyperlinks in various spots to provide ease of use for the online application process.

It was agreed that Bergstrom would reach out to Scott Self, Planning Board Chair, to discuss a meeting with both committees.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING:

May 12, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment occurred by consensus at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair