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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 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 occur 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, and Gus Lerandeau were present.

ABSENT:
Greg Johnson, Hannah Maynard, and Selectman Jim Tempesta were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:
Sly Karasinski, State Rep, and Stephon Mehu, Assistant Town Planner, were present.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the EDAC meeting of September 8, 2025 were approved by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS:
Address by Sly Karasinski, State Representative. There are 1,245 bills being reviewed in 2026 plus some held over from 2025. On 10/28/25 the Municipal & County Government Committee will be discussing a bill to prevent town employees from holding more than one role in a municipality (addressing conflicts of interest). Veto Day is 12/17/25.

Planning Office Update. Mehu shared the Planning Office update.

ZBA is reviewing an application for a Special Exception concerning property on Oliver Hill Road for a communications tower. Atlantic Towers have requested a special exception to construct a telecommunications facility on property located in the Rural/Agricultural District.

ZBA is reviewing a requested a variance which seeks permission to allow a multifamily dwelling with three units instead of the required five units. The applicant has also requested a special exception which seeks permission to allow this multi-family dwelling in the Business District located at 536 Old Homestead Highway.

The Planning Board has recently heard an application for a new business, Patten Oil, to be located at 42 Monadnock Highway in the vicinity of Papagallo's Restaurant and Dunkin. It is a home heating oil delivery service company. All business will be done off property.

The TIF District is being finalized.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Social Media. Bergstrom asked if it is acceptable to create a social media page specific to EDAC, featuring new businesses, expanding businesses, development, etc. There was discussion and recommendations to post things on the Swanzey Community page of Facebook.

Appeal. Mehu commented that there is a need to attract young people to the State and specifically to Swanzey, and questioned how to accomplish that.

NEXT MEETING:
October 13, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:
Adjournment occurred by consensus at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair