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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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, Hannah Maynard and Selectman Jim Tempesta were present.

ABSENT:
Greg Johnson and Gus Lerandeau were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:
Cody Morrison, MEDC Executive Director, and Stephon Mehu, Assistant Town Planner, were present.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the EDAC meeting of October 13, 2025 were approved by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS:
Address by Cody Morrison, MEDC. MEDC is celebrating 40 years of working on behalf of the Monadnock Region. It is the oldest of nine entities in NH. MEDC is in the midst of a strategic plan revision, updating its mission statement. The 2024-25 annual impact report reflects $1.3 million loaned for projects as well as securing 50 childcare slots in the region.

MEDC launched an affordable housing fund which is locally controlled. It helps close the gap of the last 5-10% of development costs. MEDC was involved in three environmental clean-up projects (i.e. cleanup areas w/PFAS).

MEDC is available to assist individuals seeking to provide home-based childcare services. Those in need of renovations [i.e. to be ADA compliant, bring septic systems up to date, needing asbestos removal] can reach out to MEDC.

DiBernardo asked if any progress has been made on the Kingsbury property? Morrison explained that there is a need for increased EPA funding, possibly $1.2 million. DiBernardo asked if there was any movement on Troy Mills superfund site. Morrison explained that it is up to the discretion of the Selectboard. For more information, visit the MEDC website.

Planning Office Update. Mehu shared the Planning Office update. A new tenant application is being considered on Tommys Way for a machine shop.

Patten Energy got site plan and home-based business approval from the Planning Board.

Mehu is looking to help bring in revenue and encourage youth to stay in Swanzey or come to Swanzey by developing a trade school satellite program with attached housing. Bergstrom stated that Cheshire Career Center on the Keene High School campus offers an alternative to students who are not planning to attend college. It offers training in HVAC, automotive, cosmetology, culinary arts, public safety, childcare, EMT, construction trades, architectural, mechanical design, manufacturing, machine tool, film production, etc. Bergstrom provided contact information to Mehu.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Bergstrom reported that she reached out to the business owners Mehu mentioned in his October update, Patten Energy and a hair salon, to inquire about their experiences working with the Town. Both had favorable experiences.

NEXT MEETING:
December 8, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:
Adjournment occurred by consensus at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair