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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026
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, Gus Lerandeau, and Hannah Maynard were present.

ABSENT:
Greg Johnson and Selectman Jim Tempesta were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:
Asst Town Planner Stephon Mehu was present.

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

NEW BUSINESS:
2025 Annual Report Review. No commentary.

Planning Office Update. Mehu reviewed a new tenant application for a dog daycare facility on Monadnock Highway; zone is Business District. Apparently there is some delay in the review/approval process. The consensus is for EDAC to write a letter to the Planning Board in

support of this application. EDAC members will review the application and submit comments to Bergstrom. This application will be heard at the Planning Board meeting on 2/12.

SWRPC EDAC CEDS Review. Mehu reviewed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy projects specific to Swanzey.

Fire Pond Infrastructure Development to Support Business. Introduced in 2020. No progress to date. Still under consideration.

West Swanzey Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements and Expansion. Introduced in 2020. In progress; intend to include on ballot 1Q2027.

Swanzey Enterprise Zone. This project focuses on branding and marketing development opportunities in Industrial Park on Safford/Old Homestead Highway. Due to wetlands, it is uncertain how much additional development will occur on Safford Drive.

OLD BUSINESS:

Becoming Small Business Advocates. Bergstrom has reached out to several small business owners to gather feedback about doing business in Swanzey. She will compile a report to present to the committee, and ultimately will share with the Planning Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Presence at Swanzey Old Home Day. Conceptually in support of this. Will consider ideas for involvement at March EDAC meeting. One possibility: EDAC can sponsor a children's activity.

West Swanzey Water & Sewer Project. California Street project is nearly complete. Town is considering a EDA grant to help support Water Co purchase possibility. One option is to consider connecting to Keene water line. Consensus is that the Town needs to communicate options and their respective value to the entire Town.

NEXT MEETING:

March 9, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment occurred by consensus at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair