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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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 take 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, Hannah Maynard, and Planner Stephon Mehu were present.

ABSENT:
Greg Johnson was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:
Selectman Jim Tempesta and Allyce Romaneck, Honeybee Hollow Childcare Center, were present. Two HHCC Board members were also present.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the EDAC meeting of March 9, 2026 were approved by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS:
Honeybee Hollow Childcare Center. Allyce Romaneck, HHCC Director, addressed EDAC requesting we help HHCC establish a partnership with the Town. HHCC currently leases the Carpenter Home from the Town. Nonprofit status since 2023. There are 42 children enrolled; have capacity for 60. Current needs include additional staff and facility renovations.

Bergstrom indicated she will connect with Cody Morrison, MEDC, to discuss grant/funding opportunities for renovations.

EDAC Involvement/Exposure. Initiate Town-wide activities to bring the community together. As there is no "Town Center," consider rotating locations and organize activities all around Swanzey (i.e. parade, concert, outdoor film).

Planning Office Update. SWRPC EDAC meeting April 15. Working to submit grant applications for upgrades to The Grange building. Possible grant opportunities to revitalize Brown Memorial Field.

Business in Swanzey/Ribbon Cutting. Bergstrom met with owner of Gridiron Construction LLC, Ryan Avery, about a possible ribbon cutting. Most likely to occur late May or early June 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

Presence at Swanzey Old Home Day. Bergstrom reminded the members that EDAC will host a children's activity brought by Cheshire County Children's Museum and encouraged all members to attend. The jump rope making activity will be offered at no charge to participants.

West Swanzey Water & Sewer Project. Meeting on April 23 to begin at the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Denman Thompson Highway for a tour of the facility.

Welcome Gifts. Bergstrom followed up on this discussion re providing a welcome gift to new homeowners in Swanzey, noting it would be cost-prohibitive for any business to provide an item/coupon for every new Swanzey homeowner. The recommendation is to accept contributions from local businesses and coordinate welcome gifts specific to each homeowner, with an item or two from a local business as well as a list of resources/businesses in Swanzey.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brand of Swanzey. Following up on the discussion from last month regarding Swanzey's "brand," Sanchez offered: *Bridging Heritage and Opportunity*. Bergstrom created and distributed notecards with the Town seal and this tagline. There was discussion about selling these at Swanzey Old Home Day, as well as possibly designing T-shirts to be available at this event.

NEXT MEETING:

May 11, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair