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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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, Greg Johnson, Gus Lerandeau, and Jessica Sanchez were present.

ABSENT:
Hannah Maynard was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:
Assistant Town Planner & Health Officer Stephon Mehu was also present.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the EDAC meeting of April 13, 2026 were approved unanimously by a motion by DiBernardo, second by Lerandeau with a correction: Jessica Sanchez was present.

NEW BUSINESS:
Town Planning Office Update. Mehu provided a summary of several initiatives.

A. Ordinance from Town of Hanover regarding rental housing as template for Swanzey. To be discussed at the Selectboard meeting first week of June.
B. Bells Septic property on Old Homestead Highway; proposed new building. Site plan

review in process.

C. Kennel/Dog Daycare Facility approved.
D. Sam's Outdoor Outfitters closing.
E. Grange Restoration: Consider reaching out to Bergeron Construction and FW Webb to ask if they want to be on the committee.
F. Stratton Library: mini-splits going in; planting flowers around the perimeter courtesy of the Homestead Garden Club.
G. Possible to have a Community Garden? Suggestions: Carpenter property; patch next to Mt. Ceasar Cemetery.
H. Joint meeting with Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission to discuss Swanzey Ordinance with SWRPC on June 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Food/Beverage Vendor. Bergstrom provided a summary of the process in response to someone's question regarding food trucks and other vendors using mobile facilities. A one-time event is covered under an event permit issued through the Selectmen's Office. An ongoing situation requires submission of a regular site plan review application to the Planning Board. There are several food trucks presently operating within Swanzey in permanent locations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Presence at Old Home Day. Bergstrom shared a draft T-shirt design for consideration to sell at the event. Members discussed various design options, including reference to 250th Anniversary of the United States. Consensus to have EDAC T-shirts available to sell at the event in July.

EDAC Involvement/Exposure. Bergstrom shared that she's spoken to the Selectboard about the relevance of EDAC within Swanzey and discussed ways to gain exposure throughout the town, encouraging residents to view EDAC as a resource; i.e. Facebook page, sponsoring/assisting with town-wide activities, assisting with business plan development for small businesses, etc.

Ribbon Cutting. Bergstrom shared Gridiron Construction cancelled the planned ribbon cutting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Honeybee Hollow Childcare. Bergstrom shared that she reached out to the director, Allyce Romaneck, following Honeybee's address at the April EDAC meeting. No response to date.

NEXT MEETING:

June 8, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair