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Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
**Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)**
Meeting Minutes
July 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 EDAC.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**
The regular meeting of the Swanzey Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Chair Cathy Bergstrom.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Chair Cathy Bergstrom, JR Coughlin, Angelo Skip DiBernardo, Greg Johnson, Hannah Maynard, and Jessica Sanchez were present.

**ALSO PRESENT:**
Asst Town Planner & Health Ofcr Stephon Mehu and Commissioner Sly Karasinski were present.

**MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the EDAC meeting of June 8, 2026 were approved unanimously by a motion by DiBernardo, second by Coughlin.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
**Open Seat on EDAC.** Bergstrom confirmed that Gus Lerandeau notified her of his resignation from EDAC effective immediately. Bergstrom asked for input regarding potential residents who would be a good fit for EDAC.

**Town Planning Office Update.** Mehu provided a summary of several initiatives.

A. Lewis Farm—Terry Lewis submitting a site plan review for the 1,600 sq ft DADU located at 69 James Road in the business district; utilizing the building for retreat space and classes (i.e. yoga); events would be limited to two per year.
B. EZ-Crete—expanding storage space at facility owned by Baylev Holdings located at 126 Monadnock Highway. Two proposals submitted: one complies with Wetlands Conservation District while the other does not.

C. Heidi Hurt—submitted vision for educational space to hold classes on farming; located off Cobble Hill Road.
D. Grange Restoration—LCHIP [Land & Community Heritage Investment Program] grant possibility. LCHIP is an independent state authority focused on historic rehabilitation grants. Swanzey is on the short list for consideration. Review of facility expected on August 25. Seeking $92,000 to cover cost of foundation rehabilitation. Painting of the exterior is being donated by MJR Painting.
E. Carpenter Home—building is site of Honeybee Hollow Childcare. In need of weatherization updates and reconfiguration of interior walls. Johnson asked if the building could be moved back on the property and placed on a slab, foregoing the need to repair the foundation. There is question of whether such a move would impact the historic designation. Mehu stated that a structural engineer [Right-Trak Design] has already completed an assessment of the foundation. Mehu expects to be notified in October regarding grant funding.
F. Water—Johnson asked how Mehu responds when asked when we can expect water in West Swanzey. Mehu responded two to five years. Mehu and Bergstrom stated that the Water Company purchase option is being discussed by an ad hoc committee along with the Wastewater Treatment issue. One option being considered is connecting to Keene for wastewater.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Presence at Old Home Day.** Jump rope making activity which will be overseen by reps from the Children's Museum and the apparatus is brought by Gathering Waters. Bergstrom opted to create a Swanzey tote bag rather than a Swanzey T-shirt, which does include reference to 250th Anniversary of the United States. Sanchez and Maynard will create a poster to display at the EDAC booth which will convey the mission of EDAC. Sanchez designed a banner which will be displayed at the EDAC booth. There was discussion about engaging festival attendees. The suggestion was to have a heavyweight paper covering the table in the booth, inviting people to write their vision for Swanzey.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Johnson suggested foregoing the August EDAC meeting due to summer activities unless there is something of high importance to discuss.

**Joint Meeting/Ordinance Discussion.** Maynard asked when the next joint meeting of the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, and EDAC will occur. The next joint meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 6:00 p.m. There was consensus that it will be worthwhile to meet in August to discuss the Ordinance Review. Bergstrom stated she will poll the members in late July.

## NEXT MEETING:

August 10, 2026

## ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment occurred by consensus at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bergstrom, Chair