



Economic Development Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd., Henniker

3:00 pm

Members: Mark Mitch – Chair, Jennifer Lopez, Lori Marko, Robert Pagano, BOS Reps: Kris Blomback

Staff: Mark Fougere Planner & Town Administrator Diane Kendall

Agenda

1. Bridgett Beckwith, Tax Incentive Program Manager
Division of Economic Development, Business and Economic Affairs
Ms. Beckwith outlined the state ERZ program and suggested the community reach out to the business community to urge them to apply. She noted that other areas of the community could be eligible to be designated an ERZ zone and the community should explore this option. Ms. Beckwith noted that in some years all of the tax credits are not authorized, so having more local companies take advantage of the program would be great. Mark will follow up on the mechanics of expanding the districts to other areas of the community and send ERZ information to those businesses presently located in the District (Old Concord Road area).
2. Main Street forum, Mike Tardiff – Central RPC
The EDC discussed with Mr. Tardiff setting a meeting date to discuss the RPC's findings relative to the Main Street study. The focus of the meeting would be to share the data collected by the RPC and obtain feedback from the public to see if concerns exist. A meeting date of Tuesday April 23, 2024 was agreed to at the Community Center, 6 pm. Mark will coordinate with the RPC on meeting presentation.