



Economic Development Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Wednesday March 9, 2022

Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd., Henniker
4:30pm-5:30 PM

Members present: Mark Mitch, Lori Marko, Shelbie Connor, Lisa Hustis, Scott Osgood, and TA Diane Kendal & Planner Mark Fougere

Minutes

1) Approve Minutes: Jan. 12

- Mark noted that Letters to business community RSA 72:81 have all been mailed out.
- Mark reached out to a Commercial Realtor relative to market conditions in Henniker. Although the commercial market is very good, with few empty buildings, building new to fill the need in Henniker is very challenging. Construction costs are so high, rents would not cover the expense. Businesses are looking to buy, not rent. Manufacturing , high bay warehouse space is in high demand.
- Broadband grants-Bristol was successful because it was a regional effort and they were able to access funds early in the process.
- The Town's website should clearly note EDC efforts.
- Cable access should be a high priority
- It was noted that NEC is adding a new nursing program and growing.
- Mark was requested to find the findings from the 2018 ED roundtable, there may be ideas there.

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2022.