



Economic Development Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

Wednesday May 11, 2022

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

Members present: March Mitch – Chair, Kris Blomback, Shelbie Connor, Robert Pagano & Scott Osgood

Staff: Mark Fougere planner

- 1) Mark reviewed a map provided by Comcast that outlines where in the community it serves. Mark has also requested a map from TDS; he was finally able to find a contact. Once both maps are in hand, they will provide insight as to where in the community cable services are deficient.
- 2) Mark informed the Committee that a diesel only gas station may be coming to the top of Old Concord Road where another full gas station was approved a number of years ago.
- 3) The Committee Reviewed the Roundtable findings from 2018. Key issues discussed included:
 - Have town's sewer consultant run some general cost estimates to extend sewer/water out to Old Concord Road. This is related to a potential TIF District for that area.
 - Fiber optics was noted as a key asset that is needed.
 - Mark to contact Dave Currier on project status.
 - Mark to reach out to Michie on affordable housing plans.
 - Mark to look at boosting information on town webpage, ED.
 - The need for a hotel was discussed, has been reviewed a number of times over the years, just not enough demand to make the numbers work.

- Mark noted that the City of Franklin has made a number of improvements within their riverfront area including for kayaking & canoeing which has increased the activity in their downtown. There may be transferable ideas for Henniker.
- The lack of adequate density for housing was discussed; the planning board intends to review this matter for next year's zoning changes.

4) Other Business

NEXT MEETING: July 8, 2022.