



Economic Development Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

Wednesday January 11, 2023

Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd., Henniker
4:30pm-5:00 PM

Members: Mark Mitch – Chair, Kris Blomback, Robert Pagano, Lori Marko, Scott Osgood
Staff: Mark Fougere Planner & Town Administrator Diane Kendall

1. Broadband Update: Diane outlined the progress of the Broadband Committee, cable providers will be coming into to discuss their existing network and expanding service in the community. TDS had been pushing back on disclosing details of their network in town, but now have agreed to provide the information.
2. 58 Main Street for a crosswalk update. The Regional Planning Commission has agreed to assist the Town in reviewing this area. They will evaluate the crosswalks along Main Street and create some alternative plans, including a “do nothing” proposal. Once they have outlined some options, a community meeting will be held to gather public input. This work is being completed at no cost to the town.
3. Support for fire pond warrant article for Old Concord Road. Mark explained the proposal to create a new fire pond on Old Concord Road; this area is in need of stronger fire protection. Staff has been working with a property owner to obtain an easement to construct the pond and the town engineer is designing the pond. Monies will be need to construct the pond. Protecting industrial properties is an important matter and they require few town services. After some discussion, the EDC recommending support of a warrant article 5 – 0.
4. Goals for 2023; Supporting the expansion of existing businesses is critical. Are there ordinances or regulations that need to be amended to assist with this? Continued discussion will occur on this topic.