

# ASHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Ashland Economic Development Summit

November 29, 2017

10 am – 12 pm

Dupuis Cross Post #15, American Legion Hall

### Present:

Town of Ashland: AEDC: Steve Felton, Chairperson, Cheryl Cox, Beno Lamontagne, Susan MacLeod, Fran Newton, *Ex Officio* Selectman; Committee event volunteers: Eli Badger, Zoning Board, Mardean Badger, Planning Board, Katie Maher, Heritage Commission, Water & Sewer Commissioners Alan Cilley and David Toth; Selectman Tejasinha Sivalingam; Fire Chief Stephen Heath; Town Administrator, Charlie Smith; Town Clerk, Patsy Tucker

Ashland businesspeople: Adam Adamsky and Max Corbett, Quince & Quail; Rick Ash, Ashland Lumber; Rick Burgess and Brian Chalmers, Meredith Village Savings Bank; Barry Gaw, Sippican Partners; Alex Ray, The Common Man; Cris Salomon, Samyn & D'Elia Architects; Sherrie Downing, Highlites

Mill property Owners: Dale and John Grant, El Pakco; Andrew Lane, Squam River Hydro LLC; Levi Bradley, potential business in mill area;

Governmental and agencies and Professional consultants: Omer Ahern, Grafton County Commissioner; Ben Amsden, PSU Center for Business & Community Partnerships; George Bald, Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission; Ben Belanger, US Senator Hassan's office; Michael Bergeron, Business Recruitment, NH Dept. of Business & Economic Affairs; Brian Bresnahan, US Representative Anne Kuster's office; Frank Cocchiarella, Central NH Chamber of Commerce; Glenn Coppelman, North Country Council Senior Planner; Anne Denton Cooley, Grafton Regional Development Corp.; Tony Guinta and Tim Andrews, Nobis Engineering, Brownfields; Jeff Hayes, Lakes Region Planning Commission; Jon Jarvis, US Senator Shaheen's office; Robin LeBlanc, Plan NH; Mike McCluskey, NHDES Hazardous Waste & Brownfields; Vincent Migliore, NH State Representative; Michelle Moren-Grey, North Country Council; Cody Morrison, NH Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA); Mark Scarano, NBRC; Kate Emma Schlosser, NHDES Hazardous Waste; Geoffrey Sewake, UNH Cooperative Extension

Others: Givan Bradley, Hridaya Sivalingam; and John Koziol, reporter from the *Union Leader*.

Steve Felton convened the summit at 10:10 am.

- Introductions: committee members and then everyone in attendance
- Powerpoint presentation with brief overview of project for redeveloping the mill site
- Brief speeches: Tim Andrews from Nobis Engineering did an update on Brownfield Phase 2 on Heath buildings; Jeff Hayes spoke of Ashland's forward motion and LRPC's role for our region; George Bald emphasized the importance of positive community attitude for a town to thrive.
- Break-out to five discussion tables where participants gave valuable insights, asked questions and offered ideas.
- Group reconvened for a recap of top 3 next steps/new use ideas and top 3 challenges.
- Lunch was served and conversations and networking continued.

The Powerpoint presentation and the compiled discussion results will be posted on the webpage.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 pm at the Fire Station**

*Minutes submitted by Susan MacLeod*