

Town of Ashland, NH
Economic Development Committee
Minutes draft
Wednesday January 15, 2025
Utility Conference Room – 6 Collins Street

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Peter Ott, chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Peter Ott, Bonnie Bethune, Jennie Angell, Sean Collins, Charlie Bozzello, and Jana Flores-Jon. Beno Lamontagne joined the meeting at about 5:35. Alan Cilley was also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 1/13/2025 meeting
Motion: Jennie Angell
to accept minutes with modifications
Second: Sean Collins
Vote: 7-0. Beno did not vote because he had not been at the meeting.
 - b. 12/18/2024 meeting
Motion: Jennie Angell
to accept minutes with modifications
Second: Bonnie Bethune
Vote: 7-0. Beno did not vote because he had not been at the meeting
- III. General discussion
 - a. The committee wants to record the names of the public who show up to the meetings or at least the names of those who contribute to discussions.
 - b. Since this was Beno Lamontagne's first meeting he was introduced to the other Economic Development Committee members.
 - c. Charlie Bozzello said that this committee has been approved to have a "minute taker" for our meetings. The town will work on getting a 2nd minute taker since frequently there are multiple meetings at the same time.
 - d. Charlie Bozzello said the Economic Development Committee has been approved for town emails which will be posted on the Ashland website.
 - e. Beno Lamontagne asked about the beach project. He has had discussions with the Department of Environmental Services and they are supportive of the project and should be brought in early. It is very important that this is a town project and not a commercial project to get the support of the state. When the town is ready, they should reach out to Adam Crepeau at the NH Department of Environmental Services.
 - f. The town will not be using any ARPA funds it requested to replace the bath house. The ARPA funds that the town did receive will be going to the Police radio project.
 - g. There is a public hearing on 1/27/24 to go over the new rates for the campground for the 2025 season.
 - h. There was general discussion on how and when the Economic Development Committee could apply for grants.
- IV. Agenda Items for the next meeting
 - a. Review plan for beach. Each committee member should bring list of items they would like at the beach.
 - b. Reach out to Adam Crepeau of NH DES to start discussions about possibilities for the Edward Doggett Beach improvements.

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- c. Mill Pond project preferences
 - d. What options are available for a commercial and/or industrial park?
 - e. What do we do with town owned mill property
 - i. 1 Hill Ave
 - ii. Mechanic St
 - f. What is happening with Freudenberg and the Industrial Way road?
 - g. Trash to diesel plant
- V. The next meeting is on February 5th 2025.
- VI. Motion to adjourn 7:14 PM