



**TOWN OF  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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Economic Development Committee  
August 10, 2022

Present: Scott Butcher, Town Administrator  
Steve Russo, Selectboard Member  
Eric Bernstein  
Ron Pelletier  
Michele Decoteau, Town Planner

The meeting opened at 6:00 PM.

The committee reviewed the minutes of August 25, 2021, but there were not enough members present who were at that meeting to approve the minutes. One correction was made to “Town Hill” which should read “Townsend Hill”.

Gerrell Smith, who was not present, suggested a new event, a December chain of lights. The Committee thought this was a good idea and wanted to plan further when G. Smith was in attendance. This would promote businesses if it is on a Saturday during regular hours and the committee would promote whatever activities businesses had planned. Once the tree was lighted, the PTO map could be distributed and a “date night” could be promoted at local restaurants.

Chili/Chowder cookoff date was discussed and February 19, 2022, and task lists were discussed.

The Committee discussed the Bridal show and decided by consensus that this would not promote enough local businesses to continue. If that changes, it can be reinstated. The committee was supportive of a DIY guide to weddings that could promote the Chapel and other resources.

The newsletter was discussed, and this is likely to impact the budget. Printing the newsletter off-site and if it can continue to be mailed in the current format were discussed. Home businesses, and new business were considered as topics.

Meeting times for the future should be the second Monday of the month: Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12.

Meeting ended at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Decoteau  
Approved: 2022.09.26