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**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
**Economic Development
Committee**

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Minutes
Economic Development Committee
September 12, 2018

Attendees included Steve Russo, Tad Putney, Eddie Arnold, Gerrell Smith, Ron Pelletier, Donna Marsh, and Valérie Rearick.

Minutes

Eddie moved to approve the July 31st, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Gerrell. All in favor.

Welcome Letter to New Businesses

Members reviewed the draft letter and made a couple of modifications. All agreed on the final wording. All also agreed on having Tad and Valerie sign the letter on behalf of the EDC.

Discuss Potential Halloween Event

Tad said that he was contacted by one resident about home business owners setting up tables on the front lawn at the town hall while promoting their business. Tad ran the idea by the Selectboard but they were not really in favor of the idea.

The EDC wants to help businesses with exposure but it would be better to have a business event sponsored by the Town. Members discussed other options such as a *Trunk or Treat* event at the Ball Park. It is probably too late for this year but we could discuss it for 2019. Tad will contact the Marianos to see if they would be interested in having a business event at the restaurant once they are open. Pam may also be interested in participating/lunching a business association in Brookline. Such an association would be best for organizing business events.

Newsletter

Members reviewed the first draft of the newsletter that will go out by the end of September. The front page will be dedicated to Brookline businesses who are sponsoring the 250th Anniversary. Valerie contacted all businesses on her mailing list to see if they would like to be recognized. Tad has a list of businesses who made donations.

Update on Businesses

Sundae Drive. Owners have posted updates on the future opening and will be open year-round.

Alamo. No information since the last EDC meeting.

Pete's Garage closed. The owner is now leasing the entire site, garage and gas station. He is asking \$4,500 per month, plus payment of taxes and maintenance of the building. It is also for sale for \$550,000.00.

Members also discussed commercial properties available and/or on the market.

Other Items

2019 Budget

All agreed on the following:

- Newsletter / mailing \$1,350
- Events \$1,000
- Welcome Sign \$1,200

2019 Cook-Off

Valerie will email Ron with the date of the event.

Next Meeting

October 17th, 2018, tentatively at the Alamo. 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Valérie Rearick.