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

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Minutes
Economic Development Committee
May 09, 2018

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

Debrief from Business Forum (April 5th) and next steps

During the event, “Challenges” were identified and “ideas/suggestions” to address those challenges were provided by participants. Tad compiled the topics discussed during the forum for the EDC members to review.

The Challenges identified by business owners were:

- Labor pool, too limited
- Internet speed and cell service
- Ease of construction process (work with Building Inspector, Stick to Code)
- Allow more signage
- More marketing opportunities
- Taxes
- Strict zoning for businesses in Residential zone
- Curb appeal on Route 13
- Route 13 accident history/high speeds

Tad did some research on some topics discussed and contacted agencies such as internet provider and NH DOT in order to provide solutions/answers. Tad will finalize the letter that will be reviewed at the next meeting prior to being sent to business owner who attended the forum.

Other Items:

4th of July Parade. Valerie will email all Brookline businesses about participating by putting a float together for the parade. Vicky Pope from the Lions’ Club is the contact person. Next year, we will contact businesses earlier to give them more time to work on a float

Next Newsletter. It will go out mid-June

Planning Board. It was suggested to look into allowing apartments (affordable housing)

Next Meeting

June 05, 2018

- Letter to Businesses to follow up on the Business Forum
- Newsletter, final review

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Valérie Rearick.