

MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
March 13, 2019 at 5:15pm

Committee Members present: Councilor Martin Dumont, Chairman
Councilor Dale R. Sprague, Vice Chairman
Councilor Richard Michaud
Councilor Donald Austin

Administration/Staff present: Bob Belmore, City Manager
Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk
Shanna Saunders, Dir. of Planning & Community Dev
Robin Comstock, Economic Development Manager

Others Present:

Chairman Dumont called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2019 MEETING

Motion made by Councilor Michaud, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Motion passed 4-0.

REVIEW 79E APPLICATION FOR 123 MAIN STREET – MR. MARK DAVENPORT

Manager Belmore stated that Mr. Davenport has submitted a 79E application for tax relief of 3 years for the property located on 123 Main St, the application is included in the packet.

Director Saunders stated that she received this application in the mail to her surprise, as he has already completed the work. Normally, the application needs to be received prior to the work being completed. Something will be put up on our website to flag that requirement moving forward. He was unable to make the meeting, but is willing to come to a meeting if there are any questions.

Councilor Dumont asked Director Saunders what makes her excited about this. Director Saunders replied that she was told that Somersworth is the only Community in the entire North East that still has all the mill row buildings and is excited for what the renovations on Main Street will bring to the City moving forward.

Discussion ensued about the owner of the building and the renovations that were made to the building.

Councilor Austin seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to recommend approving the 79E 3 year tax relief application for 123 Main Street. Motion approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Michaud, seconded by Councilor Austin to adjourn the meeting at 5:37pm. Motion passed 3-1, Councilor Sprague opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk