

Meeting Minutes – Economic Development Advisory Committee
Northfield Town Hall
69 Main Street, Northfield MA

Meeting held Sept 13, 2023, 530pm, Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

Members present:

Virginia (Jinx) Hastings, , Sarah Kerns, Steve Stoia

Members absent: Nohham Cachat-Schilling, Robin van der Maat

Also present: Howard Hastings

- **Call to Order 5:33**

1. Review & approval of minutes of 02AUG2023 and 19JUL2023 , motion by Jinx, seconded by Steve.
2. Review, edit & approval of mission statement, motion by Steve, seconded by Jinx
3. **Updates and working groups:**

Committee discussed the business park past report. Discussions extended the nature of such a park, and other potential town activity centers. Siting and land use, consumer audience We discussed potential business-types and what those businesses offered the town, and what those businesses would need to survive were discussed at length. Activity centers discussed were: Retirement village with salon and food services; food, drink, craft & recreation destination; performing arts complex with daycare; outdoor recreation complex with botanical garden; multi-level restaurants and pocket parks. The committee identified some sites to investigate further.

 - Nohham- could not attend but sent a page of information on the Flower and botanical spaces project for the group. Land acknowledgement discussion tabled to future meeting.
 - Robin & Mallory were not present but have an appointment to discuss the business contact project as a working group together. Mallory sent information on a project she is working on.
4. **Mallory update** on FRCOG Economic development consultant and Finalize household survey, Penultimate business survey, were tabled due to Mallory's absence.
5. **Discuss upcoming guests and members-** three guest contributors to be contacted by for next meeting, one regarding the committee, one business advisor, and one government specialist. Similar plan for the following meeting. The committee agreed to allot 20 min to each appointment and reserve 30 minutes for administration.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00.