

Draft MEETING NOTES

**Lakes Region
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)
Committee Meeting**

LRPC office, 1st Floor Conference Room
Meredith, New Hampshire
April 4, 2013 at 3:00 PM

Attendees:

Carmen Lorentz, Executive Director..... Belknap County Economic Development Council
Pat Jones, LRPC CommissionerOssipee, Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council
Dick Lewis, City Planner City of Franklin
Glenn Smith, Town Administrator Town of Northfield
Pat FarleyLRPC Commissioner, Town of Tamworth
Scott KalickiLakes Region Community College
Rick SilverbergWinnepesaukee River Trail, Inc.
Kimon Koulet, Executive Director..... Lakes Region Planning Commission
Gerald Coogan, Special Projects Manager..... Lakes Region Planning Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

C. Lorentz called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 PM and welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves by name and affiliation.

MOTION: P. Farley moved and S. Kalicki seconded to accept the January 24, 2013 as is. The motion passed.

2012 CEDS Update – Draft Related Local, Regional and State PlanningJ. Coogan

Regarding the above, G. Coogan mentioned the above draft report has been in circulation since late 2012. At the last meeting, P. Jones mentioned the Ossipee Watershed Plan should be identified in the report. That note has been included. P. Farley moved and P. Jones seconded to accept the report entitled “Related Local, Regional and State Planning.” The motion passed.

2013 CEDS Projection Selection ProcessGroup

J. Coogan reviewed the history that lead to the preparation of Section VI Plan of Action which includes eleven projects for inclusion in the CEDS.

- Update of the SWOT in late 2012 which lead to an update of the CEDS Goals;
- C. Lorentz and D. Roy-Palmer met to review the updated SWOT and prepare a set of draft 2013 CEDS goals;

- 2013 CEDS goals: Building Employees, New Economy, Social Capital and Cultural Heritage, Sustainability: Energy and Natural Resources, Entrepreneurship (*new*), Creative Economy (*new*) and Improve Quality of Place (*new*). The 2009 CEDS goals of Work Here, Live Here and Collaboration were deleted;
- January 29, 2013 – project solicitation letter and project form send to the 30 LR communities along w/ LRCC and LR Healthcare;
- February 20 and 26, 2013 – project development workshops held in Laconia and Ossipee;
- March 8, 2013 – deadline for project submissions;
- March 18, 2013 – deadline extension;
- March 21, 2013 – draft Plan of Action w/ projects e-mail to the CEDS Committee;
- April 5, 2013 – CEDS Committee reviews and ranks the submitted project.

J. Coogan reviewed Section VI Plan of Action and the individual projects. J. Coogan and K. Koulet reviewed the updated Project Evaluation Form, which is similar to the one used in 2009. Categories include: Economic Distress (staff to complete), Special Needs Criteria, EDA Investment Policy Guidelines, Lakes Region CEDS Goals and Project Readiness. The group discussed the process for reviewing each project and decided to work on the evaluation at this meeting. Using the Project Evaluation Form, the group reviewed and ranked the following projects:

1. Laconia Downtown Riverwalk – 10
2. Northfield NH Route 140 sewer extension – 8
3. “Missing Link” Pedestrian Bridge, Tilton – 8
4. Nickerson Business Park, water extension, Tilton – 7
5. Franklin Comprehensive redevelopment project 7
6. Laconia Garden Theatre – 6
7. Ossipee Mt. Grange Hall – 5
8. Winnepesaukee Pier, Laconia – 3
9. Surf Coaster property, Laconia – 2
10. Burial of utility lines in the Wiers, Laconia – 1
11. Combined Heat and Power – 1
12. Wood Pellet Feasibility Study, Belknap County – 1
13. Improvement to water delivery capacity in rural areas – Not ranked

The group discussed each project in detail.

2013 CEDS Schedule J. Coogan

J. Coogan said the staff is working to produce a complete 1st Draft of the 2013 CEDS by late April.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday May 2, 2013 at 3:00 PM at a TBD location (tentative).

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM