

HENNIKER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Amended June 20, 2023

This committee shall be a Standing Committee of the Board of Selectmen, and shall report to and serve at the pleasure of the Board.

PURPOSES

Identify strategies to help the Town diversify its tax base and reduce the residential property tax burden by assisting in the retaining, expanding and attracting of appropriate commercial and industrial business to the community. Identify strategies that will encourage the expansion of current educational, recreational and professional economic activities in the community. The work of the committee shall be consistent with the Town Master Plan.

ACTIVITIES

1. Develop a list of available properties suitable for new commercial, office or industrial development or expansion of current firms.
2. Review current Zoning areas to identify open spaces currently zoned for industrial and commercial development that could be locations for appropriate projects and recommend any changes in zoning area classifications that might provide new areas for economic development, without compromising the character of the community or endangering proper conservation practices.
3. Determine whether there are areas with the potential for economic development (such as industrial and commercial parks) where the extension of water, sewer, roads and other municipal services would be sound long-term investments.
4. Identify the advantages and disadvantages present in the community that impact the retention, expansion, and attraction of commercial firms and offer positive solutions.
5. Develop strategies for actively promoting and pursuing new commercial/industrial opportunities to locate in Henniker.
6. Develop contacts with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission and the Capital Region Development Corporation and appropriate State of New Hampshire agencies.
7. Explore the potential benefits of creating a Local Development Corporation.
8. Other activities, as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

MEMBERSHIP

1. A Selectperson
2. A Planning Board Member
3. A Conservation Commission Member
4. A member of the Henniker Chamber of Commerce
5. A representative from New England College
6. A local resident
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8. A local resident – added by Board of Selectmen 6/20/23
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10. Alternate (Selectperson)
11. Alternate
12. Alternate

The primary advisor to the Committee shall be the Town Planning Consultant. He shall be a non-voting member of the committee.

Alternate Members: Three alternate members may be appointed, to include one Select Board alternate.

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint all members of the committee. Membership shall be staggered three-year terms.

Initially, two members shall be appointed for one-year terms, two members for two-year terms and three members to three-year terms. One alternate initially shall be appointed for a one-year term, another for a two-year term and the third alternate for a three-year term.

The committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from their membership and operate under the rules and procedures established by the Board of Selectmen for all boards, committees and commissions of the Town.