

DRAFT MINUTES

Exeter Economic Development Commission

January 2, 2018

Present: Lizabeth MacDonald-Chair, Don Clement, Board of Selectman Rep, Langdon Plumer Planning Board Rep, Darren Winham- Economic Development Director, John Tremblay, John Mueller, Madeline Hamel, Dan Gutstein and Ian Smith. Town Manager, Russ Dean also attended.

**1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Lizabeth MacDonald.

**2. Work Session**

- Mr. Tremblay read the X matrix that was created prior to the meeting.
- The Board discussed the information provided in the matrix and how to organize and set an importance for their goals, etc. at length
- The Board discussed how to work a business retention program into the plan. This was approved in the current budget process as well, so was important.
- The Board next discussed how to grade the workforce housing goals and what to link it too within the mission. The affordability of living in town was also discussed.
- Mr. Winham said that housing was the most common question he hears from businesses who were considering coming to Exeter. Mr. Winham feels this is important to include.
- The Board continued to discuss the goals and their correlating missions.
- Next the Board discussed who would own each piece and did deeper dives into what was involved in each action item and goal.

**Next meeting: This date is to be finalized.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dionne