

## **North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

Friday – September 14, 2018

10:00am to Noon

Enterprise Center at Plymouth (ECP)

One Bridge Street, Plymouth, NH

**In attendance:** Jo Lacaillade, Catalina Celentano, Ben Amsden, Alison Chisolm, Kate Griffin, Anne Duncan Cooley, Beno Lamontagne

**NCC Staff:** Michelle Moren-Grey, Glenn Coppelman

**Meeting called to order** at 10:05am by Vice Chair, Jo Lacaillade – Welcomed everyone.

**Roundtable introductions** were made by attendees.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the July 13, 2018 minutes were accepted – motion by Alison Chisolm seconded by Anne Duncan Cooley no discussion unanimously approved. Minutes from the March 9, 2019 meeting were accepted – motion by Anne Duncan-Cooley seconded by Ben Amsden no discussion unanimously approved.

**Presentation of Downton Whitefield Project** Coos Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) – Glenn Coppelman member of CEDC Board

Glenn Coppelman gave an overview of the history of CEDC and background of regional development corporations. Glenn detailed the downtown Whitefield redevelopment project – first phase (funding has been secured – to look at the feasibility of redeveloping 4 to 5 of the buildings on Kings Square. This phase would also include a market analysis. In total from feasibility to completion the project is estimated to be a 6-7 million dollar project. There has been open communication with the Town of Whitefield along with community support for this effort. The redevelopment would include some form of mixed use – retail/business on the street level with housing above. Question regarding the historic component of these buildings and will CEDC maintain the look and feel of the downtown – this project would need to go through a historic review process and it would be CEDC's intend to keep the historic nature of the buildings where feasibly and safe.

**Motion was made** to place the CEDC Whitefield Downtown Project on the CEDS project list by Anne Duncan Cooley seconded by Alison Chisolm no discussion all in favor- motion approved.

### **The Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Economy - Alex Belenz, NCC Planner**

Provided insights on transportation-related needs, issues, and opportunities in the North Country. The plan supports local, regional, and state-level transportation planning and policy decisions, defines needs and issues to support applications for grants and other funding, and serves as the basis for project development for projects in NHDOT's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan ("Ten Year Plan"), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and other statewide programs. The plan is also an opportunity to explore region-wide issues and the link between transportation and planning areas, such as land use, economic development, and recreation.

**Adjournment:** The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:02PM