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Stratham Economic Development Committee Charter

I. PURPOSE

The objectives of the Stratham Economic Development Committee shall be to:

- ❖ Promote desirable residential, commercial, and industrial developments so as to keep an equitable and diverse tax base.
- ❖ Engage in strategic economic development planning and policy development and recommend zoning changes when needed to encourage sound economic development.
- ❖ Make recommendations aimed at improving and enhancing the community's public infrastructure, its visual appeal, and its overall competitiveness to create opportunities and sites for future economic development proposals and employment.
- ❖ Recommend economic development programs that identify, recruit, and retain attractive commercial developments and re-developments that enhance availability of services, provide quality jobs, and diversify the tax base.
- ❖ Identify strategies and programs to increase the capacity, improve the quality, and ensure the affordability and diversity of housing types that will meet the needs of residents.
- ❖ Promote, assist, and encourage initiatives that will further the economic goals and objectives stated within the Stratham Master Plan and Gateway Commercial Business District Master Plan.
- ❖ Recommend action plans to create attractive, distinctive, mixed-use business districts offering a variety of public and private services, improve the quality of the built and natural environment, and provide a central gathering spot for the community.
- ❖ Support partnerships among economic development organizations and maintain relations with federal, state, regional, and municipal economic development organizations.

II. INTENT

The Stratham Economic Development Committee is committed to expanding the Town's economic base and achieving economic stability through the growth and quality development, together with providing a positive local business climate to attract trade and industry to our community. The Committee also recognizes the responsibility of maintaining the tranquil, rural atmosphere that has made Stratham a special place in the heart of the seacoast area for its residents and businesses.

III. REPORTS TO

The Economic Development Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen and shall report to and/or serve the will/pleasure of the Board of Selectmen.

IV. TERM & MEMBERSHIP

The Economic Development Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall consist of five (5) members (one of which shall be Chair and one shall be Vice-Chair) and three (3) alternates.

1. One (1) member shall represent the Board of Selectman
2. One (1) member shall be the Town Administrator or his/her designee
3. One (1) member shall represent the business community.
4. The remaining two (2) members shall be residents of the Town of Stratham.
5. The three (3) alternative members shall be comprised of either a member of the business community and/or residents of the Town of Stratham.

Members shall serve a three-year term. For the initial term, in order to establish staggered terms, one member shall be appointed to a one-year term; two members shall be appointed for a two-year term; and two members shall be appointed to a three-year term.

V. QUORUM

Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Economic Development Committee. Although business may be discussed without a quorum present, no decisions shall be made.

VI. MEETING DATES AND TIMES

The Economic Development Committee shall meet at least once monthly or more often as requested by the Economic Development Committee and/or Board of Selectmen.

VII. CHAIRPERSON

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee shall be nominated by the remaining members of the Committee each year at an ordinary meeting held in March. If a Chair is not present at a meeting, the meeting will be chaired by the Vice-Chair.

VIII. MEETINGS AND RECORDS

The Economic Development Committee shall be subject to and comply with the requirements of RSA 91-A in all respects, including but not limited to the proper posting of meetings, maintenance of meeting minutes, and access to public documents and meetings.

IX. VOTING

Voting is formal.

X. PECUNIARY INTEREST

No member of the Committee shall vote in, or take part in the discussion of, matters in which the member, or the member's partner or any relation of the member, has any personal or pecuniary interest. When uncertainty arises as to the conflict of interest of a Committee member in particular circumstances,

the Committee shall, upon the request of that member or another member, vote on the question of whether that member should be disqualified from discussion.

XI. REPORTING FORMAT

Matters to be considered by the Economic Development Committee must be included in the agenda for the meeting, and must be provided in writing to the Chair at least 5 days before the date of the meeting.