

**Economic Commission & Development Finance Authority
(ECDFA)**

Chairman: William C. Newell
Secretary: Gail Fallon

Meeting Agenda
The Visions Forum

July 17, 2003

Meeting came to order 7:30pm

In Attendance:

Bill Newell*
Ken Patrick*
Joseph Giovino*
Tim Hoisington*
Trish Perry

Commission Mission:

The promotion and development of the industrial resources of Hopkinton.

Commission Purpose:

1. Research industrial conditions, investigate and assist in the establishment of educational and/or commercial projects for the purpose of expanding or strengthening the local economy of Hopkinton.
2. The Authority will act as the Town's Industrial Development Financing Authority in regards to record keeping for Industrial bonds as required in M.G.L..

Presentation by: Trish Perry, Visions Forum

On February 28th and March 1, 2003 108 citizens came together to share their visions for the town of Hopkinton. The Visions Forum identified the issues most important to the town of Hopkinton.

The purpose of the event was not to reach decisions about the town's future but rather to begin a process of engaging citizens in reflecting on where they want to go and how they could get there.

The six most important aspects of their vision, in priority are:

1. Quality Schools
2. Revitalize Downtown
3. Maintaining a rural character and open space
4. Increase the commercial and industrial tax base
5. Fiscal responsibility
6. Affordable housing

The ECDFA can use the Forum Experience and results as a guideline for future endeavors.

The ECDFA may use the Forum organizers and participants as a resource for future endeavors.

The Economic Goals as stated in the Master Plan continue to be a priority to the ECDFA.

With implementation in mind a few ideas emerged:

1. Support of Downtown blue ribbon committee
2. A Business Development guide for potential/interested business's
3. A Business Liaison Office/Resource for New/Potential business's

The ECDFA will continue to study Hopkinton governmental structure and its base of potential resources. ECDFA will continue to move forward in developing its own identity and role within the town government. For the near future our exploration and research will ensure both commitment and the success of the ECDFA.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Thank you Trish Perry for your valuable insight

Next Meeting: July 24th at 7:30 Agenda: Chamber of Commerce