

**Hopkinton Economic Development Commission February
12th, 2024
3:00pm
Location: Hopkinton Town Council Chambers
Hopkinton Town Hall, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02833**

The Economic Development Commission is responsible for studying, investigating, promoting, and encouraging the preservation, expansion, and sound development in the Town of industry, business, commerce, and tourism. The Commission shall be considered the economic development agency in the Town.

Agenda

1. Pledge and a Moment of Silence
2. Approval of Minutes of January 22nd, 2024
3. Our Mission: *To provide for the expansion of the town's tax base by encouraging development of new and existing light and or heavy industrial and office/commercial businesses. (2016 Comp Plan/ED)*
4. Inform and Discuss agricultural operations growth: a possible CEA Project for Hopkinton (Attny Sypole/Joe Moreau)
The CEA project that is proposed at Schartner Farm in Exeter is currently going through the approval process with the planning board.

https://library.municode.com/ri/exeter/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=APXAZO

<https://www.gothamgreens.com/our-farms/>

5. Discussion of suggested website updates for prospective business owners-general instructions
6. Inventory -please add to this spreadsheet for next meeting
Existing Businesses
Vacant Commercial Space and available land
Existing/Available Farmland
7. Open Forum
8. Future Agenda Items
 - A. Brainstorm Sustainable/eco , Tourist Friendly Activities to bring people to Hopkinton
-Food Trucks at Crandall Field
-Musical or theater performance at Crandall Field
-Sports tournaments at Crandall Field(volleyball,soccer, football, etc)
 - B. Review 2016 Comprehensive Plan Economic Development pp.62-70

Next Meeting Monday March 4th 3pm

9. Adjourn

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