

Town of Allenstown -Economic Development
16 School Street, Allenstown NH 03275
July 8, 2026

Call to Order

The Allenstown Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Frascinella on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 @6:30 pm.

Mike Frascinella begins the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call

- Members: Mike Frascinella-Elizabeth Joyce-Peter DeSantis
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Opening Remarks

- The Chair shared historical observations about America's economic strength and manufacturing during the early 1900s.
 - Members discussed the importance of encouraging business investment and economic growth.
 - Peter reviewed the format of meeting agendas. It was suggested that future agendas contain only brief topics, with detailed discussion documented in the meeting minutes.
 - The Chair agreed to simplify future agendas.
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Old Business

Farmers Market / Craft Fair reviewed by Mike

- Crystal remains interested in participating despite a Wednesday evening scheduling conflict.
 - Permission has been received from the Morgan family to use the property behind the daycare as a staging area.
 - The new location provides more space than the previous proposed location.
 - Veronica expressed interest in participating as a vendor.
 - Committee members will meet separately to determine dates and logistics.
 - Members agreed the event supports local businesses and promotes community engagement.
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Summer Concert Series reviewed by Mike

- The recent concert was successful with approximately 60 attendees.
 - Local musicians Olivia Conway and Todd Kolessar performed.
 - Good participation from younger residents was noted.
 - Members discussed continuing to feature local musicians for future concerts.
 - No decision was made regarding scheduling another concert.
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Bike Rodeo reviewed by Mike

- The event was rescheduled because of concerns about the Juneteenth holiday.
 - Attendance was lower than the previous year.
 - Members discussed the challenges of scheduling events around holidays, school activities, and competing regional events.
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New Business

Proposed Community Events and Recreation Committee

Peter presented a draft proposal for a new committee.

Committee Recommendations

- Rename the committee to **Community Events and Recreation Committee**.
- Five resident members appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Three-year staggered terms for members.
- Include a Parks and Recreation Director as an ex-officio, non-voting member when the position is established.

Proposed Mission

- Provide residents with recreational opportunities and community events that improve quality of life and foster community spirit.

Proposed Goals

- Plan and promote recreational and community events.
- Organize and schedule use of town-owned recreational facilities.
- Coordinate events with police, fire, schools, and community organizations.
- Recommend capital improvements and budget priorities.
- Recommend fees and rules for use of town recreational facilities.
- The proposal will be revised and submitted to the Town Administrator for presentation to the Board of Selectmen.
- The committee reviewed fees to charge for using the town recreational facilities.

Recreation Capital Improvement Fund reviewed by Peter

- Members discussed the availability of approximately \$117,000 in the Recreation Capital Improvement Fund.
- Potential uses include:
 - ADA-compliant bathrooms for the gymnasium.
 - ADA access ramp improvements.
 - Bandstand construction.
 - Ice rink improvements.
 - Dugout repairs.
- Members noted that using these funds could accelerate opening of the gymnasium by approximately one year.

Community Calendar

- Members reviewed examples of recreation calendars used by other communities.
- A centralized community calendar was recommended to coordinate town events and facility usage.

Business Development Updates by Mike

McDonald's

- The McDonald's restaurant is scheduled for a soft opening on July 15.
- Committee members may attend a preview tour prior to opening.
- The property owner expressed interest in maintaining a positive relationship with the town.

Sand and Gravel Pit Redevelopment

- Thibeault Corporation continues developing conceptual plans for the property.
- Interest has been received from multiple businesses.
- Members discussed encouraging businesses that complement existing commercial development.

Regional Development

- Members discussed redevelopment plans at Steeplegate Mall and the potential impact on future commercial development in Allenstown.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the May 27, 2026 meeting minutes by Liz
 - Second by Peter
 - **Motion passed unanimously.**
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Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Liz
- Second by Peter
- Approved unanimously.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.**

These minutes were transcribed and respectively submitted by
Dawna Baxter, Recording Secretary

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Original Approvals:	
Michael Frascinella, Chairman	Date
Elizabeth Joyce, Vice Chairman	Date
	Date
Crystal Robbins, Member	Date
Peter DeSantis , Member	Date
	Date

Amendment Description:	Approvals:	Date:
	Michael Frascinella, Chairman	Date
	Elizabeth Joyce, Vice Chair	Date
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	Peter DeSantis, Member	Date
	Crystal Robbins, Member	Date
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