

Town of Ashby

Economic Development Plan Committee

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AGENDA

Thursday, March 31, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.
Ashby Town Hall, Planning Board Meeting Room

- 1. CONVENE**
- 2. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES**
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion of draft vision statement
 - b. Review of Goals Discussion
 - c. Discussion of New Goals
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Update from MRPC
 - b. Selection of Officers
 - c. Discussion of Committee Schedule
- 5. OTHER DISCUSSION**
 - a. Other
- 6. ADJOURN**

Draft Vision Statement

The vision of economic development in the Town of Ashby shall be to develop a healthy and stable local economy that is resilient in the face of a turbulent and unpredictable global economy and is sustainable economically, socially, and environmentally.

The economic development plan shall facilitate a program that contributes to the continuing development of a community that has an excellent quality of life, is an attractive and comfortable place to live and work, and provides opportunities for citizens to grow new and existing businesses.

The idea is to help create an Ashby that will possess a flourishing arts and cultural community; healthy and thriving local businesses that serve the needs of the local community; events and destinations that will attract a sustainable draw of visitors that contribute to the tax base but do not detract from the local flavor of a small, quaint, and attractive New England village; an educational system that works closely with the local stakeholders to ensure that businesses will be supplied with a steady flow of skilled workers that match their needs and that local graduates have opportunities to remain locally in sustainable wage jobs if they so choose; and an economy that is self-sufficient enough to weather the cyclical nature of the external economy so that quality services and facilities can be maintained in perpetuity.