

GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES

September 21, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Paul Collins called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PRESENT: Paul Collins (Chairman), Marie Bate (Board Commission Clerk)

MEMBERS ON ZOOM: Mackenzey Melk, John Voiklis, George Kral, (A), Heidi Koenig

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Daniel Belmont (A), George Motel

SEAT ALTERNATE: Chair seated Alternate George Kral. Motion to accept made by Heidi Koenig and seconded by John Voiklis. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION OF FALL FESTIVAL COMMUNITY EVENT: Event is October 3rd from 3-6 pm @ the Goshen Fairgrounds. This is a fun event that will introduce the services available in Goshen.

Discussion around ideas of what the EDC would do for the festival. Mackenzie discussed a dollar bill tree – a small tree with roll up bills all around the tree and a bigger bill on top. A small questionnaire would be at the table asking the people what economic development they would like. By answering the questions they would be able to get a raffle ticket for the tree. Discussion around a budget for this and how to present it to the Selectman. Heidi and Mackenzie will get the supplies and put the tree together. All to meet at 2:30 to set up on Oct. 3rd.

John discussed how to create a survey, find out what the people want; keep it simple; have 3-5 items and have them pick. The top 3 items are reliable to pursue. Some ideas were having electronic signage at the Town Hall and Fire Department announcing events going on in town, Arts signage, food truck at concerts, expand summer concerts and possibly doing farmers market at concerts. Ask the people if they want more commercial development and would this be developed around the rotary and throughout town? George discussed the main attractions that Goshen already has: the Goshen Fair, Action Wildlife and a Winery. We could build on these attractions by attracting people this way. Paul also talked about the possibility of a job Fair in the Spring where interested employers could promote their open positions; this would attract job seekers. Paul will make up a google form with our ideas and send to members to review.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM in a motion by George Kral seconded by Heidi Koenig. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bate
Marie Bate/Board Commission Clerk

Next meeting October 26, 2026 @ 6 PM

Received Sept. 23, 2026 @ 11:23 AM

Attest: *Bee Ann R. Bunn*
Goshen Town Clerk