

TOWN OF ASHFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

**Selectmen's Meeting Room
Ashford Town Hall
WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023
7:30pm**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Seating of Alternates**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2023**
- 4. Budget**
 - a. Report of expenditures
- 5. Communications and Announcements**
 - a. Announcements/Presentations
 - b. News from Other Commissions
 - c. Correspondence and Meetings
 - i. OTOF – next meeting Sept. 4
 - ii. Ag Commission public gathering Sept. 8
 - iii. News about Ashford businesses
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Draft letters to Selectmen
 - i. Blighted properties (T. Wakeman)
 - ii. Moore Property (R. Fenn)
 - b. EDC Marketing and Communications
 - i. Active Business lists (all members)
 - ii. Tourism activity (Ignatowicz)
 - c. EDC Website (Chonte, Chatey)
 - i. Website and ongoing *Ashford Citizen* Updates
 - ii. Review of businesses for upcoming articles
 - d. Potential ARPA Grants to businesses
 - i. Next Steps
 - e. Restaurant strategy
 - f. POCD -EDC Input
 - g. Election of officers
 - h. New member recruitment
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Input from Public**
- 9. Member Input for Next Agenda**
- 10. Adjournment**

2023 EDC Strategic Priorities: Identifying and contacting active businesses; Surveying them on AEDC support opportunities; ARPA grant application promotion and fulfillment