

TOWN OF ASHFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

Lower Conference Room

Ashford Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024

7:30pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Seating of Alternates**
3. **Approval of Minutes** – December 20, 2023
4. **Budget**
 - a. Report of expenditures
 - b. FY24-25 Budget Request
5. **Communications and Announcements**
 - a. Announcements/Presentations
 - i. News about Ashford businesses
 - b. News from Other Commissions
 - c. Correspondence and Meetings
 - i. EDC submission of Annual Report 22-23
 - ii. Input to PZC about I-84 Zoning Regs submitted
 - iii. OTOF .
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Tourism Activity
 - b. POCD Review and Discussion
 - c. ARPA Grants to businesses
 - i. Next Steps: Board of Selectmen Review
 - d. Status- letters to Selectmen
 - i. Blighted properties (HOLD T. Wakeman)
 - ii. Moore Property (R. Fenn)
 - e. EDC Marketing and Communications
 - i. Active Business lists (all members)
 - ii. Establish email updates
 - f. Restaurant strategy
 - g. EDC Website (Chatey)
 - i. Replacement for staff
 - ii. Website and ongoing *Ashford Citizen* Updates
 - iii. Review of businesses for upcoming articles
 - h. New member recruitment
7. **New Business**
8. **Input from Public**
9. **Member Input for Next Agenda**
10. **Adjournment**

2023-24 EDC Strategic Priorities: Identifying and contacting active businesses; Surveying them on AEDC support opportunities; ARPA grant application promotion and fulfillment: Input to the POCD