

TOWN OF ASHFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

Lower Conference Room

Ashford Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023

7:30pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Seating of Alternates**
3. **Approval of Minutes – September 27, 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 Nov.
 - ii. News about Ashford businesses
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Status- 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. ARPA Grants to businesses-Deadline December
 - i. Production and mailing
 - ii. November session on assistance
 - d. Restaurant strategy
 - e. POCD -EDC Input
 - f. EDC Website (Chatey)
 - i. Replacement for staff
 - ii. Website and ongoing *Ashford Citizen* Updates
 - iii. Review of businesses for upcoming articles
 - 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