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**Economic Development Committee**

Town of Hinesburg

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**Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024 at 5:30**

**Town Hall – 1st floor Conference Room**

Present: Melissa Levy, Travis Counter, Will Patten

Absent: Stephen Gladstone, Amanda Vincent

1. Call to order 5:30 PM
2. Better Places Grant – Melissa will reach out to ACCD to find out more about this and whether it can be used for the Town Commons. If it can, the committee will connect with the Commons Committee to see about developing a proposal.
3. Strategic Planning – Melissa will put together an outline of what a strategic planning process would look like. We’ll start with a SWOT analysis at our next meeting. We also discussed who else to engage in our strategic planning. The below is the beginning of our thinking about this.

 Schools

 Library

 HCRC

 Businesses/HBPA

 Town committees – Zoning, Planning, Selectboard, DRB

 Farms

1. Discuss RLF marketing next steps- We await a proposal from Chris at Bushel Market.
2. Chair – Melissa Levy stepped down as Chair. Travis Counter will step into this role, starting with the February meeting.
3. Adjourn 6:32 PM