



Economic Development Committee

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Three (3) economic development goals:

1. Hinesburg supports natural resourced based business sectors such as agriculture, forestry, recreation, and energy.

Why is this important?

Hinesburg's natural assets should support the overall health, happiness, and economic prosperity of our community. These assets include prime agricultural land, sand and gravel reserves, forests, streams, and wetlands. Hinesburg's natural resources should be utilized to grow wealth for the community in accordance with their best valued use for both current and future generations.

This goal correlates to objectives 1.2, 2.5, 3.8 and 4.1-4.7 in Hinesburg's adopted Town Plan. These goals are also stated in Section 4 – Natural Resources & Ecology (pg. 32 – 48), Section 5.4 – Recreation & Trails (pg. 51-56), and Section 7 – Energy (pg. 68-74).

2. Hinesburg possesses the essential physical and telecommunication infrastructure as well as community support services required to sustain a vibrant business community.

These might include: 1) municipal infrastructure (sewer, water, public safety, etc.); 2) clear understanding of the development/zoning process; 3) locations appropriately zoned for specific businesses requirements; 4) appropriate and affordable power (3-phased, natural gas, etc); 5) high speed internet and reliable cell coverage; 6) easy and appropriate transportation access, including access to public transportation; 7) appropriate office/warehouse space; 8) access to products and services to support a business (copying, computer, office supplies, design); 9) social structure to facilitate networking between local business professionals.

Why is this important?

There are a number of essential needs that must be addressed in order to successfully start, run, and grow a business; if these requirements are not in place then Hinesburg will be less attractive to the business community.

This goal correlates to objective 3.4 in Hinesburg's adopted Town Plan.

3. Hinesburg has a thriving mixed use, downtown village center, with a balance between residential, commercial, retail and industrial.

Why is this important?

A thriving multi-use village center strengthens Hinesburg's community and public revenue, while increasing conveniences and quality of life. Residents should have the ability to work, live, and engage in commerce in their own village and allow Route 116 to bring people to our village center to bolster economic activity. Village development most beneficial to economic vitality should be welcoming, compact, walkable, provide for a mix of services, include green spaces for public gathering, and provide for public transportation and parking options.

This goal correlates to objective 3.2 in Hinesburg's adopted Town Plan (pg. 18).