ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026, 8:30 A.M.
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM (APPROVED)

Members Present: Bonnie Bercowetz, Chair; Robert Firger; Tricia Martin,
Members Absent: Vivian Nabeta; Siddiq Abdullah.

Also Present: Mr. Jonathan Colman, Director of Building and Land Use; Ms. Lynda Laureano, Assistant Director of Building and Land Use; Denise Robidoux, Justin Lafountain, David Driver of Goman + York on behalf of the Town of Bloomfield; and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary.

I. Call to Order

Chair Bercowetz called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

II. Approval of Minutes

a. December 9, 2025

Motion to approve the December 9, 2025 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Firger; seconded by Commissioner Martin.
Chair Bercowetz shared a comment from Kevin Gough who recommended that Andrew Kaplan be identified as one of the owners of 31 Tobey Road.
The motion was unanimously approved with the recommended change by a 3-0-0 vote.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

a. Copaco Update

None.

Chair Bercowetz shared that she is working with Ms. Robidoux to refurbish the signs on the corner of Granby and Tobey Road and another on Cottage Grove Road. She would like request $2,000 for costs related to this effort. Ms. Robidoux suggested that this funding could go towards a Meet & Greet with the tenants at a local business. Mr. Colman shared his feedback and explained that budget requests must be finalized by the end of this month. Funding for the signs can also come from the capital budget if approved. This commission's budget last fiscal year was $200 and Chair Bercowetz requested that Mr. Colman request $500 this fiscal year.

V. Commission Member Updates

Commissioner Firger had nothing significant to report. Chair Bercowetz asked Commissioner Martin for feedback on the experience of opening a business in Bloomfield. She noted that it was a quick process and town staff were helpful along the way. Commissioner Firger commented that implementation is integral to the success of opening a business.

VI. EDC Consultant Reports (Goman + York)

a. December 2025 Report

VII. Town Planner Report

a. POCD Update

Mr. Colman explained that the rewritten draft will be distributed to the Town Plan and Zoning commissioners to review before their quarterly planning meeting on February 19, 2026. There will not be another public hearing.

b. Town Development Update

Mr. Colman noted that since the adoption of the Inclusionary Housing regulation, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund has collected $120,000. The cannabis moratorium is set to expire in March and will likely be extended again. The Town is working on a collective effort to track and enforce citations across all departments. He shared several construction development updates including Arbella, the First Cathedral housing development and a new proposed development at 800 Cottage Grove Road. Chair Bercowetz shared that this information should be published in the newspaper.

c. Town Center Update

The newest CIF application was sent in last month and a decision is anticipated to be made by March.

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VIII. Continued discussion on Granby/Tobey TIF District

Ms. Robidoux emphasized the importance of meeting with the tenants to hear their ideas and concerns in relation to the redevelopment of the area. Chair Bercowetz has been gauging interest in the development of an arts district. She recommended holding an event over the summer to encourage residents to visit the area. Mr. Driver recommended relocating the food truck festival to that area, but this event has already been established in the Town Center.

IX. Public Comment

None.

X. Updates

Chair Bercowetz will not be in attendance at the next meeting and Commissioner Firger will fill in as Chair.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Firger; seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimously approved by a 3-0-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.