

CHAPTER 157

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Pembroke 6-28-1993. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 157-1 Objectives and purposes.

A. The general purposes of the Pembroke Economic Development Committee center on:

- (1) The creation and retention of jobs in the Town of Pembroke to preserve economic opportunity for households in the town and region.
- (2) The expansion of the nonresidential taxable property valuation of the Town of Pembroke such that the town can sustain quality municipal and educational services at a reasonable tax rate.

B. To the extent consistent with these broad public purposes, the Pembroke Economic Development Committee shall pursue activities including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Education and promotion;
- (2) Inform, educate, advise and act as a forum for businesses interested in expanding or locating in Pembroke;
- (3) Providing updated community statistical profiles of Pembroke for state agencies and interested parties;
- (4) Maintain and distribute informational brochures promoting Pembroke as a business location;
- (5) Periodically publish and update or assist in the development of a directory of businesses located within Pembroke.

C. Policy development.

- (1) Work with the Planning Board on such planning and regulatory matters, including economic development planning, Master Plan amendments, rezoning and regulatory revisions which support

reasonable standards for business development and expansion in appropriate locations consistent with sound overall community planning;

(2) Attend statewide, regional and local conferences and meetings dealing with issues of private investment and public infrastructure development which may influence business growth and development in Pembroke;

(3) Represent the town, where specifically designated by the Board of Selectmen on intergovernmental committees or other regional development associations having influence on future economic growth in Pembroke;

(4) Work with existing businesses and local and state government agencies to foster a better relationship among businesses, residents and regulators of development.

D. Retention and development of economic base.

(1) Develop updated information including maps and appropriate data base on the status of salable, developable land within Pembroke's business and commercial zoning districts;

(2) Support specific businesses, developments and infrastructure investments which help retain, expand or generate the commercial and industrial economic base of the Town of Pembroke;

(3) Identify development opportunities within the business and commercial zoning districts of the town and investigate and pursue available sources of financing and assistance available to the town and to public/private partnerships which achieve local economic development goals.

§ 157-2 Membership and terms of office.

A. Constitution of membership. The Pembroke Economic Development Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members. Eight (8) members (hereinafter referred to as "regular members") may be either Pembroke residents or owners of businesses or property located within Pembroke. Three (3) other members shall be designated as ex officio representatives to the Committee by their respective Boards: the Board of Selectmen; the Planning Board; and the Budget Committee. The Committee may present annual recommendations for membership appointments which promote both broad representation of the town's population as well the incorporation of members having specialized

expertise or experience which is of benefit to the achievement of Committee objectives.

B. Appointment and terms.

(1) Designation of ex officio members shall be requested of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Budget Committee on an annual basis by the Committee Chairperson. Initially, the eight (8) members of the Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall have staggered terms of appointment as follows:

(a) Three (3) members appointed for a three-year term;

(b) Three (3) members appointed for a two-year term;

(c) Two (2) members appointed for a one-year term.

(2) Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members shall be sworn into office by the Town Clerk under the same oath of office administered for other town appointed positions. Annual appointments shall be made in March of each year following the Annual Town Meeting.