



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Town Manager's Conference Room
Address: 43 Bombardier Rd., Milton, VT 05468
Contact: (802) 893-6655
Website: www.miltonvt.gov

MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director; Richard Saunders, Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Anthony Micklus, Business Member; Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director; June Mary Plankey, Business Member (remote);

Members Absent: Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member;

Others Present: Brittany Tradup, Town Manager's Office;

1. Call to Order

D. Turner called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendees introduced themselves. Ed Couture was introduced as a new member. He owns an automotive shop in Milton.

3. Agenda Review

A. Rex will provide an update on the innovation center.

4. Public Forum

None

5. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2022

Motion made by A. Micklus to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2022, with a second by L. Mossey. Motion approved.

6. Milton Business Guide

June Plankey provided an update. The first version has been printed and released. More businesses have been contacted beyond those that opted to be included, including some nearby hotels.

The other benefit of this activity was the development of a contact list. Erik provided the list of participating businesses, but a more comprehensive list is being developed.

Some businesses have not received guides yet. June will be working on distributing guides to those businesses.

The Town paid for some non-profits to be included in the guide. Husky paid for a large portion of the total cost. June paid for the hotels. We don't know how many were printed.

There are a few notes for consideration on the next issue:

- Need to have a mention of the EDC
- Possibly have a larger mention of Husky
- Consider an online-only participation option
- Consider looking for sponsorships
- Branding / colors
- Need to decide on a proofing process for next time, as well.

7. Milton on the Move Update

D. Turner provided an update, stating that the three initiatives are continuing to move forward. Additionally, the Inclusion Festival is in planning stages, as part of the sub-initiative for inclusion/diversity. The task forces are working toward getting co-chairs.

CCRPC is working on a \$50,000 grant that will go toward a downtown. They are hoping to bring something to Cymone to help drive efforts

D. Turner updated the group on the Town's efforts toward the multipurpose recreation facility.

VCRD will be paying Cathy's salary over the next several months.

Regarding the Inclusion Festival: A. Rex has a list of representatives from each school to participate in planning. She will send the list to D. Turner.

8. Staff Updates

a. Milton Innovation Center – Amy Rex

- Construction is out for bid. Hope to start in early spring so it will be finished by start of the next school year.
- Also moving forward with a project for Herrick Ave. Options will be presented to the board in an upcoming meeting. It is possible that the school will be looking for a bond in November.
- The school is applying for a grant for clean energy.

b. Planning/Zoning Update – Cymone Bedford

- Newly amended zoning map, UDR and Town Plan (approved January 3) took effect this week.
- We received an inquiry from a Burlington Real Estate company to put in a business on Bartlett Rd. We've received several inquiries from industrial businesses.
- Thai food restaurant looking to move in next to Dominoes.

c. Recreation Update – Jenna Tucker Eugair

- Working on the Winter Festival (Feb 17-19). Teaming up with the usual partners. Looking for more businesses to partner/sponsor.

- Already scheduling summer camps
- Facility rentals on the horizon:
 - Fun Run (May)
 - Trail Race (August)
 - Talking with another large entertainment vendor

d. Town Projects Update – Don Turner, Jr.

- Blue building at the corner of Landfill and Route 7 will be gone by the end of the summer; will be replaced by a convenience store.
- Pete’s RV will be coming in to meet next week with Don and Cymone regarding permanent structures.
- 92,000 square foot industrial building is being constructed just across from Charlebois. The developer already has tenants but those are not disclosed yet.
- Just completed a water distribution upgrade in Catamount Industrial Park.
- Public Works Facility is going to be more expensive than planned. Looking to adjust the design by downsize the square footage.
- Subdividing the land on Kienle Rd. Planning to make a deal with the school on the building.
- Closed on the Grange in December and started renovations. Planning to start using it for Recreation by April.
- Budget is coming out soon.
- Still working to clean up the Creamery.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by L. Mossey to adjourn the meeting with a second by A. Micklus. Motion Approved.

D. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

 _____ Date: 2/22/23

Don Turner, Jr., Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk’s Office on this 23rd day of February, 2023.

ATTEST: Sammy Seay _____ Asst., Milton Town Clerk

