



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Teleconference/Virtual Meeting
Address: 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
Contact: (802) 893-6655
Website: www.miltonvt.gov

MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Jenna Tucker, Recreation Director; Richard DeSouza, Business Member; Anthony Micklus, Business Member; Drew Bulfer, Planning and Zoning Officer; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director; Robert Lombard, Community Member

Members Absent: June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Doug Johnson, community member

Others Present: Lisa Rees, Milton on the Move Business Committee; Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

1. Call to Order

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

2. Agenda Review

Added Innovation Center Update from Lou Mossey.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2022

Motion made by A. Micklus to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2022, with a second by R. Lombard. Motion Approved.

5. Innovation Center

L. Mossey, Community Member

The Innovation Center is housed in the high school. The school wants to solicit feedback from local businesses on what they would like to see. L. Mossey discussed an intention to expand outreach by holding a gathering in June to get the school and businesses involved; similar to EDC social events in the past. Lisa Rees, president of Artist Guild, shared about a partnership with school, in which artists share their skills with students.

6. Revisit Milton Business Guide

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair

The Town website has outdated business information (last updated in 2019). The Town is working to update this information. EDC is exploring options to implement Guide to Best of Milton with Local Brew or internally.

7. Staff Updates

Introduce Drew Bulfer, Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair

D. Turner introduced Drew Bulfer, new staff member in Planning and Zoning office. Bulfer will be involved with the enforcement of codes and is a new member of the EDC. He will be a point of contact for new businesses coming to Milton. With his background in commercial real estate, Bulfer is identifying vacant buildings and available commercial properties. He will help create a clear path for residents and business to develop. The ultimate goal is to make it easy for businesses and residents to navigate zoning laws and other Town requirements.

Planning/Zoning Update, Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director

Close out CO on Cherry St. is converted to business (coffee shop with counseling services). New greenhouses to be built on 115 Catamount for medicinal marijuana business.

Recreation Update, Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director

Upcoming events: Parks Spruce Up Day at Bombardier Park on April 9th and Green Up Day on May 7th. Egg hunt on April 16th. Spring park projects include new mountain bike paths. Summer camp information is going out this week. Moving from hiring counselors to hiring third parties for half-day and full day activities. Currently planning July 4th celebration.

Town Projects Update, Don Turner, Jr.

There are multiple commercial properties under development with building renters secured. The Town will have a public hearing to solicit input from community on how to spend ARPA funds.

8. "Milton on the Move" Discussion

Three Task Forces were created as a result of Milton on the Move. Milton community members are led by task force Chairs with support from Vermont Council on Rural Development.

- Support local business
- Creation of a downtown
- Development of Rec and Community Center

The Community Visit Report and Action Plan was recently released by the VCRD. Task forces are in the process of scheduling initial meetings.

A position is open for a Milton on the Move Community Coordinator, which is a part time role. This has been approved by the Selectboard, and there should be financial support from VCRD. There is already an excellent candidate. The Town hopes to have someone installed by first week of April.

9. Other Updates

- D. Turner will organize the May EDC meeting as social event from 4-6 p.m. Husky is willing to host unless another host is found.
- The Town of Milton is working with GMP and Efficiency Vermont to install EV stations. Funding is currently a barrier to EV installations. It is possible to use ARPA funds to pay for this. Champlain Valley Water District will install EV stations.
- Milton is exploring solar fields on Town properties.

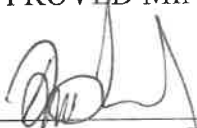
10. Adjournment

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

D. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey Ruhl

APPROVED MINUTES:

 _____ Date: 4/27/22

Don Turner, Jr., Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 29th day of April, 2022.

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Town Clerk

