



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Teleconference/Virtual Meeting
Address: 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
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MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director; Richard Saunders, Business Member; Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director; Richard DeSouza, Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools

Members Absent: Michael Joseph, Business Member; Anthony Micklus, Business Member; June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Robert Lombard, Community Member

Others Present: Cathy LaClair, Milton on the Move Coordinator

1. Call to Order

D. Turner called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Attendance

A few members could not make the meeting and notified ahead of time.

3. Agenda Review

No changes to agenda.

4. Public Forum

None.

5. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2022

Motion made by L. Mossey to approve the Minutes of August 24, 2022, with a second by L. Ruhl. Motion approved.

6. Milton Business Guide Update

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

D. Turner noted that he did not have information to provide an update, but he will request one from June Plankey, who has been leading the initiative.

7. Milton on the Move Update

Cathy LaClair, Milton on the Move Coordinator

Recap of event at Arrowhead Lodge on September 10: L. Ruhl attended. C. LaClair provided a recap, stating that it was generally viewed as a success, with 40 attendees. Additional events are being planned by the Milton on the Move task force for supporting local businesses.

C. LaClair also provided brief updates on the efforts of other task forces. Facebook continues to be the most reliable resource for information.

The task force for the Recreation and Community Center is in the process of deploying community surveys, visiting other community facilities and putting together an ARPA funds application. There was discussion regarding the progress of the other Selectboard-appointed Committee for Evaluating Suitability of Existing Town Property and 10-Acre Parcel Owned by the Brault Family Trust for a Multipurpose Recreation Facility.

Belonging in Milton task force has been making progress planning next year's Inclusion Festival, as well as planning potential monthly events. The Downtown Core task force is looking for more involvement. There was some further discussion about the goals of the Downtown Core.

8. Fall Social Discussion: Consider Rescheduling

There was discussion about holding the fall social at Maquam Barn and Winery in the fall and at Vermont Sports Car in January or February. J. Tucker Eugair will look into setting up Maquam for a social on the Tuesday or Wednesday of the last week in October (avoiding getting too close to the Trunk or Treat event). The time frame discussed was around 4:30-6 p.m. Will attempt to use the directory to invite more people.

9. Staff Updates

a. Planning / Zoning Update – Cymone Haiju

Notice of decision will be issued for the public works facility at the next DRB meeting. Fruitful Ventures application was continued until the next DRB meeting. Sandbar State Park is going to be doing some improvements in their entryway. Bove's expansion will be happening on an adjacent parcel that they own. A broker for a national coffee chain has reached out a few times to inquire about multiple properties on Route 7. D. Turner added that there was a lot purchased to put in a 90,000 square foot building; did not disclose the tenant. Another developer is going to build a 30,000 square foot building, commercial space.

b. Recreation – Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director

Summer camps have ended. Local businesses/organizations that the Recreation Department worked with included: Milton Artist's Guild, Arrowhead Golf Course, MTSD Food Service, Yellow Jackets Baseball/Softball, Milton Field Hockey, and some local contracted instructors. There were some contracted instructors and businesses from outside of Milton, as well. There is a list of several businesses and organizations that we plan to reach out to for next year.

Other updates: The final Music in the Park / Farmer's Market event was September 6. Though a few events had to be cancelled and/or postponed due to weather, total attendance was 2,307 attendees for the summer (average of 264 per show). Overall, it went really well. Touch a Truck event was September 17, with 1300 attendees, not counting staff and participants. 16 local businesses/organizations participated. Now planning Trunk or Treat event for Friday, October 28. Registration is open. Non-profits can participate for free; \$10 per business. Other holiday events are coming up; talking to organizations about promoting

during events. Working on last-minute park updates; one workday away from finishing phase 1 of the mountain bike project. Working on new maps, and will be working with the Conservation Commission for new blazing and wayfinding signage.

c. School – Amy Rex, Superintendent

A committee has been formed with three community members, a couple of principals, Amy and a few others. The committee is currently developing messaging, including a video explaining the issues. Hope to have a community forum in early November regarding options for the Herrick Avenue facilities. Milton Innovations Center: received some designs; students had an opportunity to weigh in; will be going out to bid in December; funded through Capital Reserve Fund, so no need for a bond.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by L. Mossey to adjourn the meeting with a second by R. DeSouza. Motion Approved.

D. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

 _____ Date: 10/26/22
Don Turner, Jr., Chair

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