



Town of Milton Economic Development Committee Charge

Charge of the Committee

The Town of Milton shall establish an Economic Development Committee to advise the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Planning Board and other land-use regulatory and advisory committees on matters related to economic development and to support, promote, encourage and advocate projects that expands the Town's commercial tax base in a manner that strengthens the local economy and diversifies the tax base consistent with the character of our community. The Committee shall work to maintain inter-board relationships to effectively address emergent issues with other communities from a business perspective through the appointment of liaisons to other land-use regulatory and advisory committees.

The committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen for terms of three (3) years, with preference given to individuals with professional expertise in commercial real estate financing or development; real estate financing or development; real estate law; utilities or technology; marketing or merchandising; business or non-profit organization development; training and education; business owners; or participation in business associations and organizations. The Committee may recommend to the appointing authority the names of no more than 2 persons who may serve as alternate members on the Committee. The alternate members shall be appointed to one-year terms. The Town Planner and a designated liaison from the Board of Selectmen appointed annually by the Selectmen shall also serve as Ex-Officio Members of the Committee. Ex-Officio members may participate in all activities and discussions but shall not enjoy a vote in any official Committee actions and his/her presence shall not be counted in determining member numbers or a quorum. Initially, two (2) members shall be appointed for one (1) year, two (2) members shall be appointed for two (2) years, and three (3) members shall be appointed for three (3) years to establish staggered, three-year (3) terms.

Purpose of the Committee

The purpose of the Committee shall be:

1. To identify changing economic trends and development resources available to town boards and commissions.
2. To develop and advocate for an economic development strategy that maximizes commercial property tax revenues, advocate for appropriate sized and priced housing for potential employees, and generates employment opportunities as part of a broader, long-range strategic plan for the community as established by the Board of Selectmen.
3. To continuously review town by-laws, regulations and zones for consistency with the Town's economic development goals, and to make any applicable recommendations to improve permitting, licensing and regulatory functions to the appropriate board or commission.
4. To promote streamlining of the Town's regulatory processes as related to commercial development.

5. To advocate for state and federal legislation and regulations that advance economic development in Milton.
6. To work with staff to obtain state and federal grants to further the economic development strategy.
7. To support and encourage new business seeking to locate in Milton and existing businesses seeking to remain or expand in Milton.
8. To assist existing businesses with potential expansion plans;
9. To assist existing businesses in working with the Town;
10. To provide insight and assistance to businesses in working with local boards and departments during the development review, approval and permitting processes;
11. To provide relocation and site selection information and assistance;
12. To encourage a positive regulatory environment towards business; and
13. To encourage the creation and maintenance of a strong economic development infrastructure.

The Committee shall meet on a schedule as determined necessary to achieve its goals.