

Milton Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Milton Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:35pm on November 15, 2016 in the Emma Ramsey Center by Justin Avery.

Committee Members Present

Justin Avery, Bob Bourdeau, Cubbi Lirette, Selectman Mike Beaulieu

Members of the public in attendance

Charles Therriault

New Business

Mr. Charles Therriault's proposed project on NH Rte. 75:

Mr. Avery opened the floor to Mr. Charles Therriault who had requested speaking with the committee to discuss his proposed project on Rte. 75. Mr. Therriault reviewed the architectural plans with the committee members and fielded a variety of questions regarding the different phases of the proposed project, where the work will be done on the property in relation to the neighboring properties, and what additional amenities (water/sewer) this project will open up for future development in the vicinity. Mr. Therriault explained that the project he proposes will open up water and sewer to come directly down to this area of Town and was fairly certain that if the committee could refer back to the Town's last masterplan that such a project in this vicinity was anticipated and the zoning was to be distinguished as Industrial/Commercial. Mr. Therriault stated that his goal of coming before the committee was not only to catch them up on his proposal but to also ask if the committee would consider writing a letter of support for his proposed project. Mr. Avery informed Mr. Therriault that the committee would discuss the request and would notify him of their intentions as soon as possible.

Selectman Beaulieu excused himself at 6 pm to attend a budget committee meeting.

Mr. Therriault excused himself at 6 pm.

Old Business

Business Visitation Program:

Mr. Bourdeau informed the group that he is currently constructing a master list of all businesses in the Town of Milton. Once created he will distribute to the rest of the committee for any additions. The list will be a working document the committee can work off of and update as needed to keep track of any/all outreach they perform during their business visitation initiatives.

Letter to Selectmen ER Zones:

Mr. Avery inquired on whether or not the committee's letter to the selectmen regarding the request to form two additional ER Zones in Milton had gone before the Board of Selectmen yet.

Mr. Bourdeau and Ms. Lirette were not certain if the letter had been reviewed by the selectmen and Selectmen Beaulieu had to excuse himself at 6 pm so he was no longer present to address the inquiry. Mr. Avery will bring the item up for discussion in the December MEDC meeting.

Other Items

Milton Economic Development Committee 2017 Budget:

Mr. Avery notified the committee that he was recently notified that the committee's 2017 budget request would need to be finalized for review. Mr. Bourdeau informed the group that in 2016 the committee requested \$3500 but the default budget took effect and the committee was not appropriated any funds. Mr. Avery said he would prepare the same \$3500 budget this year as last year for submission.

WEDCO representative:

Mr. Bourdeau stated that his tenure on the WEDCO board had come to an end and he would like someone from the Econ. Development Committee to consider filling his open position that represents the Town of Milton. Ms. Lirette stated that she'd consider filling the seat however she would like to review the organization's website and find out more about them. Mr. Avery stated he'd reach out to WEDCO Director Denise Roy-Palmer to see if there were any restrictions for board member positions on WEDCO and would fill in the committee at the December meeting.

Open Items

Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2016 Meeting:

The minutes from the October 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Avery made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Lirette seconded the motion, all in favor.

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm by Justin Avery. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on December 6, 2016, in the Milton Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Avery