

Milton Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Milton Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on February 6, 2018 in the Milton Town Hall by Justin Avery.

Committee Members Present

Justin Avery, Bob Bourdeau and Cubbi Lirette

Others Present

Bruce Woodruff- Milton Town Planner, Denise Roy-Palmer- WEDCO

Old Business

MEDC Membership:

Mr. Avery was pleased to hear that there had been an uptick in interest to join the Milton Economic Development Committee. Mr. Avery expressed hope that with the new additions, the committee will be well equipped to tackle some of the initiatives they feel will help Milton's economic vitality. Mr. Bourdeau informed the committee that he is planning to step down from his role with the committee in the near future as he and his wife will be moving. Mr. Avery asked if there was a specific date that Mr. Bourdeau was planning on stepping down from the committee, Mr. Bourdeau did not have a set date and offered his assistance while the committee gets itself stabilized with its new members. Ms. Lirette thanked Mr. Bourdeau for all he has done for Milton and mentioned that Mr. Bourdeau's seat on the committee would also need to be filled when he resigns.

Business Visitation Program/UNH Cooperative Extension:

Mr. Avery informed the committee that he remains in contact with Bill Maddocks from UNH Cooperative Extension as a decision has not been made on the business retention and expansion program. Mr. Avery expressed the concern he and Ms. Lirette had after the initial meeting with UNH as they were not convinced there would be enough volunteers to see the project through to completion. Since that time, Ms. Roy-Palmer of WEDCO has been in contact with Mr. Avery and suggested some Milton business professionals that may have an interest in lending a hand. Mr. Avery has made contact with those individuals and all of them have stated they would provide assistance if the committee goes through with the project. Ms. Lirette and Mr. Bourdeau agreed that this would make the project more manageable for the committee. Mr. Avery suggested a vote be held off regarding the project until the new MEDC members were present to discuss.

Other Items

MEDC Draft Charge:

Mr. Woodruff provided the committee with a draft charge he constructed and outlined a few adjustments he could make if the committee would like, to ensure the charge was appropriate for the nature of the committee's work. The committee reviewed the draft charge and suggested adding language regarding the authorization of alternates. Beyond the minor change the committee suggested the rest of the language was appropriate to be submitted to the selectmen for approval. Mr. Avery made a motion to present the draft charge as presented with Mr. Woodruff's addition of language regarding the authorization of alternates, Mr. Bourdeau seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed. Mr. Avery will type a letter to get the draft charge on the Selectmen's agenda.

Adjournment

Mr. Bourdeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Lirette seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on March 6, 2018, in the Milton Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Avery

APPROVED