Milton Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Milton Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on May 8, 2018 in the Milton Town Hall by Justin Avery.

Committee Members Present

Justin Avery, Les Elder, Nancy Wing, Larry Brown and Dennis Woods

Committee Members Absent

Cubbi Lirette

Others Present

Erin Hutchings and Sandra Woods

Old Business

Business Visitation Program/UNH Cooperative Extension:

Les Elders provided a draft copy of the minutes from the April 24th Meeting with Bill Maddocks from UNH Cooperative Extension. A general discussion ensued about the turnout at the meeting and the necessary first steps that need to be completed by the committee which includes establishing a listing of Milton businesses the committee can connect with as part of the project. Dennis Woods updated the committee on the Google Docs folders Bill had created for the committee so that they could collaborate directly with UNH to identify the businesses that are currently operating within or whose owners may reside in Milton. The committee agreed that in order to keep within the suggested timeline UNH provided, they should begin reviewing the business listing immediately and reconvene before the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of June 5th. The committee will review the list provided by UNH and send adjustments to Dennis Woods by May 14th and the committee will meet on May 22nd at 5:30pm in the Milton Town Hall.

MEDC Membership:

Mr. Avery informed the committee that he no longer felt he could dedicate the necessary time to the Chairperson's position for the committee. Mr. Avery expressed his desire to stay on and continue providing support on the initiatives the committee intends to undertake, but recommended one of the other members who have a stronger working knowledge of town initiatives, assume the role. Nancy Wing made a motion to accept Mr. Avery's removal from the Chairperson position and recommended Dennis Woods to serve as the new Chairperson for the Milton Economic Development Committee. Mr. Elders seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Elders inquired on the status of alternate committee members for the MEDC. A general discussion ensued on the number of alternate members allowed as outlined in the MEDC charge.

Review of TIF and ERZ information:
At a previous MEDC meeting, Mr. Elders had requested committee members review the information he had provided regarding Tax Increment Financing districts and Economic Revitalization Zones. Due to time constraints and the importance of working on the UNH project, the discussion on these items was tabled for another meeting in the future.

Other Items
A general discussion ensued regarding the status of various other items and issues around town that the Economic Development Committee could possibly lend assistance to going forward.

Adjournment
Mr. Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Wing seconded the motion, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on May 22, 2018, in the Milton Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Avery