

**Milton Economic Development Committee
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
May 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Robbie Parsons, Bob Bordeau and Leo Lessard. Also in attendance was Kimberly Ladisheff Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Charlie Karcher and Candace Cole-McCrea.

Chairman R. Parsons called meeting to order at 3:35pm.

Leo had drafted a resolution letter stating the Economic Development Committee would like to go on record they are in support of the Milton Conservation Commission's purchase of the northeastern lot of Ray's Marina. He explained the MCC has asked the realtor handling the Marina property if they would consider selling the lot. He asked Charlie Karcher to talk about what can and cannot be done with the lot.

Charlie displayed a plan of that piece of property. He explained there was no grandfathering left for the parcel and DOT may limit them to a defined entrance. The MCC thought it would be nice to purchase it and turn it into a park and maybe plant some hardwood trees. The MCC had approached TD Bank but received a letter back that stated they had no interest in doing that at this time. Leo felt if all the boards were behind this they could let the bank know they were all on board. The resolution letter will be forwarded to the Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

Leo motioned to accept the resolution letter. Motion seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion about the feasibility study. The EDC has received two cost proposals for sewer extension. One from Underwood Engineers and the other from Norway Plains. Bob stated they need to go forward on finding out how much it would cost. Charlie stated a feasibility study would show if they were going to hit ledge or have an impact on wetlands, obtain soil profiles, etc. Charlie will go out and walk it and see what is there. Robbie stated they are looking at grants to have this study done.

Leo mentioned Channel 9 did a really nice segment on Eastern Boats with a fascinating tour of the plant.

Candace Cole-McCrea discussed the citizens' institute on rural design. This is a program that utilizes design strategies to address the specific environmental, social and economic challenges facing rural communities. Candace stated parts of the town look dilapidated and this program works with rural communities to revitalize them. She explained they come in and work with the

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town for a year on a project the town decides on. A \$7,000 match is required but there are no restrictions on the match. It can consist of donated time, labor, meals, etc. Candace thought this was a creative idea so went to the Selectmen with it and they suggested bringing it to the EDC. Robbie stated they will take it under consideration.

Bob stated the west side of Ray's Marina is under contract for a business opportunity. They are waiting on corporate approval. He stated there has to be some vision there because the property is too big for a Dunkin Donuts. Leo thinks this would be an ideal location for a strip mall.

Leo motioned to approve the April 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

It was decided the next meeting will be June 16 at 3:30pm.

Bob motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Leo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk