

# **Milton Economic Development Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2017

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Milton Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:30pm on January 3, 2017 in the Milton Town Hall by Justin Avery.

## **Committee Members Present**

Justin Avery, Bob Bourdeau, Nick Marique and Selectman Mike Beaulieu

## **Open Items**

*Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2016 Meeting:*

Mr. Avery asked if the committee members had a chance to review the December 2016 minutes. The committee members had not as there had been a delay in the release of the minutes. Mr. Marique made a motion to table the minutes until the February 2017 meeting, Mr. Bourdeau seconded the motion.

## **Old Business**

*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. Beaulieu stated that the letter had gone before the selectmen and the economic development committee has the greenlight to go forward with completing the necessary paperwork to begin the designation process. Mr. Avery said that he would start working on the paperwork and will bring before the committee at the February 2017 meeting.

*WEDCO representative:*

Mr. Avery stated that he had reached out to WEDCO Director Denise Roy-Palmer to notify her that the committee had decided to have him fill Mr. Bourdeau's position on the WEDCO board. Mr. Avery stated that Ms. Roy-Palmer was please the committee had decided on a representative so promptly to fill Mr. Bourdeau's position and was excited to maintain a connection to the MEDC. Mr. Avery informed the group that the annual meeting for swearing in new board members will take place on January 10<sup>th</sup> in Ossipee.

*Review Exit 17 Discussion from 11/15/2016 and 12/6/2016:*

Mr. Avery inquired with Mr. Beaulieu as to the status of the draft letter the committee had constructed for the planning board regarding Exit 17. Mr. Beaulieu stated that as of now the letter had not progressed any further than the last meeting because he wanted to discuss some items with the committee again before anything progressed. Mr. Beaulieu suggested to the committee that more contact be made with Mr. Therriault regarding the project as there were still some items that needed to be addressed that were required of Mr. Therriault by the Milton ZBA. Mr. Beaulieu stated that he would reach out to Mr. Therriault on behalf of the committee to find out where he stands on the items the ZBA had requested.

## **Other Items**

### *Milton Economic Development Committee 2017 Budget:*

Mr. Beaulieu informed the committee that the 2017 budget request was approved.

### *Old Ray's Marina Site:*

Mr. Bourdeau informed the committee that the owner of the site has pulled their application for the proposed development project. Mr. Marique inquired as to why the application was pulled and Mr. Bourdeau stated he didn't have all of the specifics but he knew that there were issues related to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's request for sidewalks. Mr. Avery inquired as to whether or not this was the same group the MEDC had written a letter to the NH DOT on behalf of back in the Fall of 2016 and Mr. Bourdeau confirmed that it was. Mr. Avery asked if there was anything that the committee could do at this point to assist. Mr. Bourdeau suggested that depending on what takes place in the coming months with the property that the committee could reach.

### *Old Milton Fire Station Building:*

Mr. Avery inquired as to what the plans were regarding the old Milton Fire Station. Mr. Marique and Mr. Beaulieu informed the committee that the Town's intent is to sell the building at market value and that there are plans to have an appraisal performed. Mr. Avery inquired as to whether or not there were any known interested parties or types of businesses that may have an interest for the site. Mr. Beaulieu stated that the most likely interested parties will be the abutting property owners.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Marique made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Bourdeau seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on February 7, 2017, in the Milton Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Avery