

Milton Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Milton Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:30pm on February 14, 2017 in the Milton Town Hall by Justin Avery.

Committee Members Present

Justin Avery, Bob Bourdeau, and Cubbi Lirette

Others Present

Nancy Wing and Larry Brown

Open Items

Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2017 Meeting:

Mr. Avery asked if the committee members had a chance to review the December 2016 minutes that were tabled at the last committee meeting as well as the January 2017 minutes. Mr. Bourdeau made a motion to approve both the December 2016 and January 2017 minutes as presented, Ms. Lirette seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business

Milton Business Listing Review & Visitation Program:

Mr. Bourdeau presented his list of businesses in Milton and their main points of contact. The document will be a working list as not all points of contact have been identified for the businesses listed and there may be additional businesses that have not been added to the list. The committee members present thanked Bob for constructing such a complete list to work with. Mr. Avery inquired what steps the committee should take next now that there is a list of businesses and a draft letter to start a visitation program. Both Ms. Lirette and Mr. Bourdeau suggested that at this point the committee should hold off until the Town vote in March to see if the Committee's budget receives approval. With an approved budget there may be enough funds to hire UNH Cooperative Extension to assist the committee in developing an effective visitation program. The topic was tabled until after the Town's March Vote.

Letter to Selectmen ER Zones:

Mr. Avery brought in the partially completed application that he had started to designate two new areas of town as ER Zones to review with the committee. Mr. Avery explained that in order to complete the application he would need a copy of the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's meeting where they had approved the zones as well as a map of each designated area. Selectmen Beaulieu was not able to attend the committee's meeting so these items will have to be tabled until the March meeting to discuss with him. Regarding the maps required, Mr. Bourdeau suggested reaching out to the Land Use Clerk.

Review Exit 17 Discussion w/ Selectman M. Beaulieu:

Selectman Beaulieu was unable to attend this month's committee meeting so this item was tabled until the March meeting.

Other Items

Old Ray's Marina Site:

Mr. Bourdeau informed the committee that as of the current moment there were no updated plans for the Old Ray's Marina site in town. Some parties may be interested in the property but there is nothing beyond hearsay at this moment.

Public Input

Mr. Larry Brown commented on previously proposed ideas for the former Ray's Marina site in Town and mentioned some potential uses that he feels would be ideal for the property.

Ms. Wing, Owner of Scentimental Resale came before the committee to show her support for the development of the vacant land near Exit 17. A general discussion ensued regarding the historical approvals and proposed developments. Mr. Bourdeau suggested that perhaps the committee should make an effort to touch base with the convenience store/gas station owners who have a proposed project at Exit 17 just to see where they are in the development process and if they have a potential timetable on what they hope to accomplish. The rest of the committee members agreed. Mr. Bourdeau will see if he can obtain their contact information.

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, 2017, in the Milton Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Avery