

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center with Chair Bill Anderson presiding. Commission members also present were Alex Ansaldi and Milton Hathaway.

- I. Call to Order: Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Approval/Modification of Minutes of February 27, 2018 Meeting:
A motion was made by A. Ansaldi and seconded by M. Hathaway to approve the minutes as written.
- III. Public Comment/Introduction of Guests: None
- IV. On-going Business:
 - A. Commission Members' Reports
 1. P&Z Activities: Proposed building on Loomis Road was approved. Expected usage will be professional office space. Route 85 has nodes that are neighborhood business zoned.
 2. Quarterly Meetings w/Land Use Boards: B. Anderson reached out to S. Pierog to see if these meetings can be started again. The committee was in agreement that these meeting could be beneficial.
 3. TCCC EDC subcommittee: M. Hathaway attended the recent annual meeting. It was very informative networking opportunity with many handouts available from local businesses. There were no Bolton businesses in attendance. B. Anderson questioned how many Bolton businesses belong to the Chamber.
 4. Bolton Pond/Freja Park: B. Anderson reached out to Barbara Kelly, the Wetlands agent to get her opinion on the dam. M. Hathaway noted that there is a DEP park ranger assigned to the pond and that the trash collection is being maintained and the water quality has been tested. B. Anderson noted that perhaps the area could be managed similar to Rose Farm to redo the dam and remove the state liability. There should be a POCD (Plan of Conservation Development) and transparency in the cost. B. Anderson also reached out to Gwen Marrion and Rod Parlee concerning the pond status and the use of plunge pools. A. Ansaldi noted that it would be helpful to have a way to publicize the use of the pond.
 5. Trainings: None
 6. Cell Towers: At least two companies are putting in 5G capability. There are no new towers planned although there is a need as many people use their phones while driving through town.

7. Tax abatement/Incentives: B. Anderson suggested sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen to recommend publishing available abatements. There is no current publication of available abatements or incentives. M. Hathaway stated that there should be a policy to regulate these. New businesses could be attracted by incentives.

B. EDC Website: A. Ansaldi stated that the content is complete. B. Anderson noted that it would be helpful to be able to search for specifics within the documents and that it will be important to review and maintain the content on the site.

C. Branding Project/Welcome Signs: B. Anderson is awaiting a response from J. Stille as to the proposed size of the signs.

D. Budget: No change

V. New Business:

A. Status of Bolton Pond LLC & Stop Light @ Quarry Rd. & Route 44 (M. Hathaway)

M. Hathaway noted that a letter was sent to the Department of Transportation over a year ago regarding the stop light and there has not been any follow up. There needs to be follow up on this as well as correspondence in general

VI. Announcements

1. Next EDC Regular Meeting is on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center.

VII. Adjournment: A motion was made by M. Hathaway, seconded by A. Ansaldi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Brand
Board Clerk

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any changes to them.