

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center with Chair Bill Anderson presiding. Commission members also present were Alex Ansaldi, Cathy Teller and Milton Hathaway.

- I. Call to Order: B. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Approval/Modification of Minutes of March 27, 2018 Meeting:  
A motion was made by A. Ansaldi approve the minutes as written. C. Teller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment/Introduction of Guests: None
- IV. On-going Business:
  - A. Commission Members' Reports
    1. P&Z Activities: There were no minutes or activity to review from April 11, 2018, P&Z meeting. The commission feels there is a need to find a better way to be informed about activity in town.
    2. Quarterly Meetings w/Land Use Boards:  
B. Anderson had an Email exchange with S. Pierog. She will try to put together something for May. These meetings would be a good opportunity to find out about activity in the town. FOI is a concern. Will these meetings be open to the public?
    3. TCCC EDC subcommittee: M. Hathaway noted that attendance is better at these meetings with 30+ people in attendance. He feels it is a good way to network.
    4. Bolton Pond/Freja Park:
      - a. Bolton Pond LLC  
B. Anderson reached out to G. Marrion regarding a meeting that M. Hathaway came upon at Bolton Pond. The meeting consisted of various Bolton personnel including a DEEP official. The meeting was primarily concerning the bike trail and making Bolton Notch pond a functional recreational site.  
B. Anderson questioned G. Marrion about plunge pools in the pond and asked her to question DEEP about the dam. The proposed cost to fix the dam is \$250,000 which seems excessive. The State is in charge but does not want to get involved. The DEEP wants Bolton to initiate fixing the problem. Heavy rains are eroding the Rails to Trails bike path running towards Vernon. The ECD feels that the BOS and the Wetlands Commission should work together on a plan. B. Kelly does not feel that fixing the dam will positively affect the health of the pond although fishing has deteriorated and leaves, sticks and mud are clogging the dam. If this is not maintained, the pond will return to a swamp. M. Hathaway noted that there is no professional management of the pond. B. Anderson suggested having G. Marrion ask S. Pierog to take the property from the State and put it into an LLC.
    5. Training: None
    6. Cell Towers: None. Traffic count is too low. 5G is being installed statewide.

7. Tax abatement/Incentives: B. Anderson noted that the State of CT has statutes that need to be followed. Bolton does not publish their abatements and incentives. Would the BOS want to publicize these to make the town more attractive to investors? Bigger companies may compare incentives to see what different towns offer. City water and sewer are positives to economic development but are not available in Bolton. B. Anderson will send an Email to BOS to recommend publishing available incentives.

8. Stop Light @ Quarry Road & Route 44: M. Hathaway-A letter was sent to the State DOT asking to put a turn signal for a left hand turn onto Quarry Road from Route 44 Eastbound. There has been no follow-up. B. Anderson questioned if the BOS has a safety committee for issues such as this? A. Ansaldi noted that the fire marshal is typically the safety officer. C. Teller will send an Email to J. Stille asking for an update on the turn signal and will also ask about the safety committee.

B. EDC Website:

1. Rt. 6 Corridor Study:

C. Teller noted that the links to Rt. 6 Corridor study are not correct. The actual study is missing. Both links were the transportation study.

C. Branding Project/Welcome Signs:

1. Updated sign costs

Revised costs were received for the 2 smaller signs on double posts. The commission debated the use of double posts versus a single center post due to the size of the signs. Consensus was that the larger sign of the two looked more attractive. The smaller sign was too small. C. Teller will give recommendation to J. Stille. C. Teller to follow up with Deb Patten from Signs Plus to get clarification on her Email.

D. Budget Balance: Remaining balance as of March 31, 2018 is \$725.00.

V. New Business: None. C. Teller suggested that an outreach category be added to future agendas.

VI. Announcements

1. Next EDC Regular Meeting is on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center.

VII. Adjournment: A motion was made by C. Teller, seconded by A. Ansaldi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.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.