

TOWN OF BOLTON
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Room 9, Notch Road Municipal Center

Chairman Bill Anderson presided. Commission members also in attendance were Alex Ansaldi, Milton Hathaway and Cathy Teller. Others present were Jim Aldrich and Board Clerk Leslie Brand.

I. Call to Order: B. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Approval/Modification of Minutes of September 25, 2018 Meeting

Correct the spelling of Aldridge to Aldrich. Amend the number of code books from 8,605 to 8,506.

A motion was made by A. Ansaldi to accept the minutes as amended. M. Hathaway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment/Introduction of Guests

Jim Aldrich, 35 Hanover Farms Road, Bolton, owner of Aldrich Construction:

On October 1, 2018, a new state statute was passed to upgrade the building code. There are major updates every three years. The current code is a 2015 version with a 2018 supplement. There are 50 other organizations that write code books. The cost of the code books is becoming prohibitive. Mr. Aldrich emailed a letter to Bill Anderson to forward to the BOS proposing the following four suggestions:

1. Consider that new code not become law until a minimum of 2 months after the code is written
2. When the legislation passes new code it would be helpful to provide notification to contractors notifying them of changes.
3. The international building code should be available for free in PDF format from a publically available website.
4. Slow down the changes in codes. A minimum of a three year cycle would be helpful.

B. Anderson noted that other contractors must have the same issues. J. Aldrich noted that there is no formal organization to lobby on their behalf. B. Anderson asked how the EDC could be helpful other than bringing this to the attention of the BOS. C. Teller noted that it may be helpful to bring these issues to the attention of CCM, COST or State Representatives. M. Hathaway suggested that B. Anderson write a letter from the EDC offering support of Mr. Aldrich's proposals. B. Anderson will present this letter at a future meeting of the BOS.

IV. On-going Business

A. Commission Members' Reports

1. P&Z Activities: Nothing of major note. Existing regulations are still being reviewed and streamlined.

2. Quarterly Meetings w/ Land Use Boards: B. Anderson will try to schedule a meeting after the election.

3. TCCC EDC subcommittee: M. Hathaway attended the annual meeting. He noted the positive work that Coventry has done in improving their historic district.

4. Bolton Pond/Freja Park: Nothing to report. The EDC needs to make a case for a port-a-potty and get permission to spend the commission's funds.

5. Stop Light @ Quarry Rd. & Route 44: B. Anderson noted that it shouldn't be so difficult to accomplish the changes for the left turn lane/signal. The BOS has not followed up with the DOT pending the upcoming election. B. Anderson will submit a letter on this matter at the upcoming BOS meeting.

6. Outreach/Trainings: Email received from Sylvia Ounpuu notifying the EDC of training regarding "Downtown Trails" on November 16, 2018, at the Eversource building in Hartford.

B. EDC website: A. Ansaldi noted the business listings on the Hebron website were informative. B. Anderson noted that this could be very time consuming to set up and maintain. Perhaps the business owners themselves could input data to the website.

C. Branding Project/Welcome Signs: C. Teller to reach out to the Bolton Women's Club. B. Anderson to follow up with S. Pierog.

D. Bike Walk Bolton Proposal: Email received from Barbara Amodio inquiring about putting a business map on the kiosk at Bolton Center Road. The EDC would consider using committee funds to hire a company to produce a map. B. Anderson will research vendors.

E. Budget Balance: Report was submitted.

V. New Business:

1. Meetings for 2019 will be held on the last Tuesday of every month with the following exceptions-No meeting in November. December meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

2. B. Anderson asked the commission members to review the assignments given to the EDC regarding the Route 44 study. The Route 6 and POCD study will follow.

VI. Announcements

A. Next EDC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center. **Please note there is no meeting in November, 2018.**

VII. Adjournment: C. Teller moved to adjourn at 8:38. A. Ansaldi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Brand

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Board Clerk

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