

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center with Chair Bill Anderson presiding. Commission members also present were Cathy Teller and Alex Ansaldi (arrived at 7:23).

- I. Call to Order: Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
- II. Approval/Modification of Minutes of January 30, 2018 Meeting:
A motion was made by C. Teller and seconded by A. Ansaldi 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. No expansion of these zones is expected.

2. Quarterly Meetings: The need and format of these meetings will be revisited.

3. TCCC EDC subcommittee: No activity

4. Bolton Pond/Freja Park: B. Anderson will reach out to R. Parlee and B. Kelly regarding wetlands. Biking and kayaking are being enjoyed by the public. C. Teller stated that it may be of interest to collect historical pictures and information about the area. B. Anderson noted that perhaps the area could be managed similar to Rose Farm to redo the dam and remove the state liability.

5. Trainings: C. Teller reviewed the website of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. There was no training related to Economic Development

6. Rt. 85 Zoning Issue: Making all of Route 85 neighborhood business zoned is not feasible for economic gain.

7. Cell Towers: No report although it was noted that there is a need for improved cell service in town.

8. Tax abatement/Incentives: M. Hathaway to research. Currently there is no defined procedure. C. Teller spoke about a State of Connecticut pilot program to implement a conveyance tax on real estate transactions and use the proceeds to obtain open space. Bolton may participate in the study along with five other towns. C. Teller will try to get a copy of the study.

B. EDC Website: A. Ansaldi met with K. McCavanagh. The Route 6 project links are fixed online.

C. Branding Project: C. Teller noted that the signs are on hold pending decisions regarding size and sight lines. C. Teller attended the Board of Selectmen meeting and confirmed that the funds have been approved. Purchase orders will be needed. Sponsors will be recruited to support sign maintenance.

D. Budget: No change

V. New Business: None

VI. Announcements

1. Next EDC Regular Meeting is on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center.

VII. Adjournment: A motion was made by A. Ansaldi, seconded by C. Teller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Brand".

Leslie Brand
Board Clerk

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