

TOWN OF BOLTON
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Room 9, Notch Road Municipal Center

Chairman Bill Anderson presided. Commission members also in attendance were Cathy Teller, Milton Hathaway and Alex Ansaldi. Also present were 2 members of the public and First Selectman, Sandra Pierog.

I. Call to Order: B. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Approval/Modification of Minutes of May 28, 2019 Meeting

C. Teller moved to accept the minutes as submitted. B. Anderson seconded. A. Ansaldi abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment/Introduction of Guests: No comment at this time.

IV. On-going Business

A. Commission Members' Reports:

1. P&Z Activities: Update provided by S. Pierog who discussed actions taken by the P&Z Commission regarding property formerly known as Barrel, Boxes and More and a second property formerly known as Griffin Dewatering.

2. Quarterly Meetings w/ Land Use Boards: S. Pierog reported that meetings will resume in the fall 2019.

3. TCCC EDC subcommittee: M. Hathaway reported on updates from the last EDC subcommittee meeting he attended.

4. Bolton Pond/Freyja Park: M. Hathaway described an incident involving downed power lines and accessing services from the State and Ever source. EDC members expressed concern regarding the defective dam and swampy conditions. S. Pierog indicated the Board of Selectmen (BOS) is aware of the problem and is monitoring the situation with the CT DOT/DEEP. EDC agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

5. Outreach/Training: Nothing new to report.

B. EDC Website & Updating Bolton Business Yellow Pages: At the suggestion of S. Pierog, A. Ansaldi will provide information re: how business yellow pages are set up and maintained on the Hebron website. S. Pierog will review EDC's request to post updated yellow pages and to secure staff support to maintain/update future versions of the online yellow pages on the town website.

C. Branding Project/Welcome Signs: S. Pierog reported the signs are purchased and in storage. The BOS is awaiting DOT approval for placement of the signs. S. Pierog will consider the requirements of signs being installed on private property and will inquire regarding what money was used to pay for the signs (i.e., Bolton Women's Club and Economic Development Fund?)

D. Bike Walk Bolton Proposal: EDC provided draft map to B. Amodio for comments. Minor edits will be made to the map which will then be reproduced and distributed to Bolton businesses

and town properties. A second map (without Bolton businesses) will be produced for display and distribution at kiosk(s) on state property.

E. 300th Anniversary Celebration (2020): B. Anderson communicated with P. Sawyer re: ways Bolton businesses may wish to participate with promotional items priced at \$17.20 and \$20.20. EDC will offer to post this suggestion in the Bolton Bulletin but cannot commit to distributing information directly to businesses due to the lack of an updated system for communicating with businesses. (Note: S. Pierog will inquire if possible to set up an EDC account to allow EDC to send emails to an unrestricted mailing list.)

F. Rt. 44 Study Plan Review: this item will be removed from the agenda at this time while the new Regional Economic Development Action Plan proceeds. EDC will monitor the progress of the Rt. 44 Study through monthly updates with P. Carson.

G. Regional Economic Development Action Plan: S. Pierog provided an update on the status of this project. A consultant has been hired. Updates are expected over the next six months to a year.

H. Budget Balance: EDC discussed the payment of CT Graphics and the transfer of left over funds.

V. New Business

A. Request re: Farmers' Market: EDC (C. Teller) will respond to B. Harney to offer to post this suggestion in the Bolton Bulletin but cannot commit to distributing information directly to businesses due to the lack of an updated system for communicating with businesses.

VI. Announcements

A. Next EDC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Notch Road Municipal Center.

VII. Adjournment

M. Hathaway moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. C. Teller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cathy Teller
Secretary, EDC

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