

TOWN OF BOLTON
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Room 9, Notch Road Municipal Center

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

I. Call to Order: B. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Approval/Modification of Minutes of February 26, 2019 Meeting

C. Teller moved to accept the minutes as submitted. M. Hathaway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment/Introduction of Guests: None

IV. On-going Business

A. Commission Members' Reports

1. P&Z Activities

The last P&Z meeting was cancelled. B. Anderson noted that although the discussion of the regulations is open to public comment it may not be feasible for the public to attend if the option for discussion is held at the end of the meetings. Perhaps this information should be posted on the Bolton Bulletin. B. Anderson will contact Patrice Carson.

2. Quarterly Meetings w/ Land Use Boards

No further response from S. Pierog.

3. TCCC EDC subcommittee

M. Hathaway attended the annual business to business meeting held at Maneeley's. Junior Achievement students were in attendance. M. Hathaway noted that it was refreshing to see young people involved in the business community and he will follow up to see if Bolton students can participate. B. Anderson noted that he had reached out to nursing care/home health providers to gauge their interest in having a presence in Bolton. The Cider Mill property or the former Drive-In Theater are possible locations. M. Hathaway mentioned that the Route 6/44 study may be a good place holder for this proposal. P&Z regulations can make it difficult to get projects approved. Pre-approval of zoning regulations could make it more appealing for businesses to move to town. M. Hathaway said that he could check with his Chamber of Commerce contacts to see how these businesses are handled in other towns.

4. Bolton Pond/Freja Park

Discussion is on hold pending the hiring of the new Town Administrator.

5. Stop Light @ Quarry Rd. & Route 44

This may be a better project for a safety committee. B. Anderson to follow up with Robert Morra.

6. Outreach/Training

Nothing new to report.

B. EDC website

1. Updating Bolton Business Yellow Pages

B. Anderson spoke with Josh in the Assessor's office and got a list of businesses in town. He reviewed the list for legitimacy. Work is at a standstill pending the hiring of the new Town Administrator.

C. Branding Project/Welcome Signs

C. Teller received an Email from J. Stille noting that the two large signs and two small signs have been received. There is an issue with the site lines on Route 6 at the Coventry line. C. Teller will contact Joyce to see if Lance has any suggestions for the Route 6 sign. And she will ask about status of installing the other three signs.

D. Bike Walk Bolton Proposal

The mini kiosk is ready for installation at Exit 5. Bike Walk Bolton is still looking for donations for a second kiosk at Exit 4. C. Teller will follow up with Barbara Amodio to see what is needed for the second kiosk. M. Hathaway has offered to donate materials. A. Ansaldi has a received one quote from a Manchester business to produce the map. He will obtain a quote from another vendor and will put together a list of businesses and the map locations. And at a later date, perhaps produce a tri-fold pamphlet. C. Teller will contact B. Amodio with the progress on the map thus far and will ask her about sizing. C. Teller moved to spend up to \$200.00 to pay for a proof of the above mentioned map. M. Hathaway seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 300th Anniversary Celebration (2020)

B. Anderson spoke with Jim Florence at Munson's regarding the production of a commemorative chocolate coin. Jim will contact Pam Sawyer (Chairperson of the 300th anniversary committee) directly. B. Anderson will let Ms. Sawyer know that the EDC has reached out to Munson's and has explored the possibility of a fireworks display. He will also try to attend the next meeting of the 300th anniversary committee on April 24, 2019.

F. Rt. 44 Study Plan Review

The EDC determine what level of commitment they will be able to put forth on each of their listed duties. The actions listed as "High priority" will take precedence.

Discussion ensued on how to cultivate Public-Private Partnerships. C. Teller will draft a written business strategy of what the EDC can offer businesses if they are

currently located or relocate to Bolton. The draft will be ready to review at the next EDC meeting. B. Anderson suggested that the EDC contact the businesses in the general area of the bike path to see if they would be interested in a "Bolton Business Day". The grand opening of the bike path, the upcoming 300th anniversary celebration and the business map that is proposed for the kiosk may entice businesses to participate. B. Anderson will contact Three J's, Bolton Mobil, John Dean Cabinetry, Connecticut Trailer, Bolton Vet, Larry Fiano and Munson's Candy. A. Ansaldi will contact Georgina's. M. Hathaway will contact W.H. Preuss. C. Teller will contact Subway, Jao Praya and the Six and Forty Four package store.

G. Budget Balance

The budget summary was presented and the Trust Fund balance was received from Jill Collins.

V. New Business/Other items not on the agenda

No new business to discuss.

VI. Announcements

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

VII. Adjournment

C. Teller moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. M. Hathaway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Brand

Leslie Brand
Board Clerk

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.