



Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Town Manager's Conference Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468

In Person and/or Via Zoom

Members Present: Chris Taylor, Town Manager; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Rich DeSouza, Business Member; Seth J. Duchesneau, Business Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools (remote)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Hannah Luman, Recreation Director; Amanda Pitts, Zoning Administrator

Others Present: Betsy Paret; Doug Johnson; Irene Wrenner, Essex EDC Chair (remote); Mike McCormick (remote)

I. Call to Order

C. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. Attendance

The attendance sheet was distributed.

III. Agenda Review

Discussion of the proposed local option tax was added to the agenda after Section VII.

IV. Public Forum

No members of the public spoke on items not on the agenda.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from EDC Special Meeting on 12/17/2026

Motion made by L. Mossey to approve the Minutes of the EDC Special Meeting on 12/17/2026, with a second by R. DeSouza. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Review Draft Revisions of By-Laws

Attendees reviewed the drafted updates to the EDC Bylaws and noted changes for the next draft. B. Tradup will continue to refine the draft for consistency with the Administrative Code and Charter.

VII. Spring Social: Discuss Potential Dates and Locations

The Commission discussed planning the spring social for late March or early April. Potential sites discussed included Turner Meadows, Arrowhead Golf Course (to view the new indoor space), Green Mountain Maple (for maple season), Sharp Farm, and the Milton Artists Guild (fall social).

B. Tradup will issue a call for local businesses that may be interested in hosting future events.

VIII. Discussion about Local Option Tax

A discussion was held regarding the 1% local option sales tax proposed on the town meeting ballot. Attendees discussed the potential impact on the Town's revenue, what items would be taxable, and how it could be allocated. The Town will be launching an information campaign to inform residents leading up to Town Meeting Day on March 3, 2026.

IX. Staff Updates

A. Planning / Zoning Update – Amanda Pitts, Zoning Administrator

Town Plan: The Town Plan is officially warned for a Planning Commission public hearing on February 17, 2026. There will also be two Selectboard public hearings.

Development Projects: Current construction includes a 14-unit extension at Sweeney Farm Rd and 32 units at Dogwood Circle.

Approved Projects: Bevins Excavating was approved for a contractor yard and commercial flex buildings. Main Street/Sawmill Rd was approved for 13 affordable housing units.

New Applications: A 44-unit development application (Blackberry Commons) is expected off Haydenberry.

Workshop: A visioning workshop for the Downtown Core Master Plan is planned for February or March, and the EDC will be invited.

B. Recreation Update – Hannah Luman, Recreation Director

RFPs: Requests for proposals are being issued for July 4th fireworks and basketball court paving. The Town was selected for an \$18,000 Building Communities Placemaking grant for the court revitalization.

Events: The Winter Festival is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, and the skating rink is currently being prepared.

C. Town Projects Update – Chris Taylor, Town Manager

Salt Shortage: A statewide shortage is impacting Milton. Crews are being judicious with salt usage and utilizing more sand. A new salt shed is solidified for construction in the spring.

X. Adjournment

**Motion made by M. Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m., with a second by L. Mossey.
Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by C. Taylor.**

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Minutes recorded and submitted by Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

APPROVED
MINUTES:

Chris Taylor, Town Manager/Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Milton Town Clerk

Filed this day with the Milton
Town Clerk's Office.

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