



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**  
Date: **Wednesday, February 22, 2023**  
Time: **4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
Location: **Town Manager's Conference Room**  
Address: **43 Bombardier Rd., Milton, VT 05468**  
Contact: **(802) 893-6655**  
Website: **[www.miltonvt.gov](http://www.miltonvt.gov)**

### MINUTES

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**Members Present:** Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director; Richard Saunders, Business Member; Anthony Micklus, Business Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member

**Members Absent:** Lou Mossey, Community Member; June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Richard DeSouza, Business Member

**Others Present:** Brittany Tradup, Town Manager's Office; Jordan LaFond, Milton on the Move

#### 1. Call to Order

D. Turner called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

#### 2. Attendance

Attendees checked in.

#### 3. Agenda Review

No changes

#### 4. Public Forum

None

#### 5. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2023

**Motion made by R. Saunders to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2023, with a second by A. Micklus. Motion approved.**

#### 6. Milton on the Move Update

Jordan LaFond provided an update. Cathy LaClair has stepped down as Milton on the Move coordinator. Jordan has stepped in as chair of the Support Local Business Chair. Milton on the Move is working on a few initiatives:

- Monthly videos featuring Milton businesses sharing positive stories; possibly working with the video club from the high school.
- Continue to host events to get residents involved with local businesses
- Business mixers: Next event is at Tool Wizard
- Starting to plan events for businesses that don't have brick and mortars

Milton on the Move will be returning to monthly meetings. The second annual Inclusion Festival is coming, and they are currently planning it. They are also working on putting together a marketing budget. There was further discussion about ways to expand on the featured business videos.

## **7. Grant for Downtown Core Master Plan**

Cymone presented the background about this initiative. The Town recently received a \$50,000 grant to create a Downtown Core Master Plan, building on the work that the Town has done over the past 20 years. The work will begin this fall.

There was some discussion about how this effort compares to a similar exercise completed about 20 years ago. The new plan is meant to refine those previous plans further and focus more on implementation.

## **8. Spring Social Planning**

There was discussion about possible locations. Vermont Sports Car has expressed interest, so that option will be explored.

## **9. Staff Updates**

### **a. Town Projects Update – Don Turner, Jr.**

- o 90,000 sq foot building is going to be built directly across from Charlebois on Route 7
- o The Town has been discussing an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund. Turner feels that this would be the appropriate committee to review the loan requests and recommend them to the Selectboard
- o ARPA funds were fully expended at the Selectboard meeting on 2/21/2023

D. Turner had to leave the meeting after providing this update.

### **b. Planning/Zoning Update – Cymone Bedford**

- o A Thai restaurant is going through the permitting process; located on Route 7 next to Dominoes.
- o An application is anticipated from Pete's RV, who is going into their next phase of development.
- o There are multiple projects seeking permits, including Bove's factory addition

## **10. Adjournment**

**Motion made by M. Joseph to adjourn the meeting with a second by L. Ruhl. Motion Approved.**

**C. Bedford adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

 Date: 3/22/23  
Don Turner, Jr., Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2023.

ATTEST: , Milton Town Clerk

