



Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 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; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Seth Duchesneau, Business Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member

Members Absent: Anthony Micklus, Clerk/Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools

Staff Present: Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Hannah Luman, Recreation Director; Cassandra LaFayette, Business Member;

Others Present: Irene Wrenner, Essex EDC Chair (remote); Joseph Duquette (remote)

I. Call to Order

C. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. Attendance

The attendance sign-in sheet was distributed.

III. Agenda Review

The agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes requested.

IV. Public Forum

None.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from EDC Meeting on 01.28.2026

Motion made by L. Mossey to approve the Minutes of 01.28.2026, with a second by M. Joseph. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Review and Possible Adoption of Amended Bylaws

The following revisions were noted from the previous draft:

- Article III: Corrected the membership cap to 14 instead of 15 to align with the intended committee structure.
- Article V: Added language specifying that the frequency of regular meetings will be determined by a majority vote at the first meeting of the fiscal year.

The Commission reviewed the new draft, and the following revisions were requested.

- Article III, #3: Changed the requirement for community representatives from "eligible voters" to "registered voters" to ensure consistency with the volunteer application form.
- Article II: Changed #4-7 to subpoints under #3

Motion made by M. Joseph to submit the procedural bylaws with the discussed edits for approval by the Selectboard, with a second by S. Duchesneau. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Next Business Social(s): Discuss Potential Dates and Locations

The Commission discussed the following:

- Fall Social: Booked with the Milton Artists' Guild on October 28, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Online Form: B. Tradup introduced a new online intake form for businesses to submit with a request to host a social. There was a discussion about adjusting the draft to include the option to request a visit from the EDC (remove the barrier about whether the business can accommodate a group of 20-40). Members discussed moving the focus from large public gatherings to more intimate "business engagement" events.
- Business Directory: The Commission reached a consensus to develop a self-managed business directory on the Town website. The Town will create an online form as an intake tool (possibly combine with the other intake form).
- Guest Feedback: I. Wrenner shared insights on the Essex EDC's success with frequent, smaller-scale business visits focused on how the town can support local commerce.
- There was additional discussion about the EDC hosting events at the Grange that are focused on highlighting businesses, potentially with industry-based themes.

VIII. Staff Updates

A. Planning / Zoning Update – Cassandra LaFayette, Planning & Zoning Officer

- C. LaFayette has accepted the position as the Town Planner, effective April 27, 2026, and is no longer a Business Member of the EDC.
- The UDR amendments and Town Plan were officially adopted by the Selectboard on April 6th and by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission on April 15th.
- Development Projects: Updates were provided on the O'Brien Brothers development (85 units), Rosewood (subdivision continuing next year), BlackBerry Commons (44 units), and the Pete's RV expansion.
- Industrial: Movement is expected at Jeff Jimo's site for warehousing/industrial use.

B. Recreation Update – Hannah Luman, Recreation Director

- Green Up Day: Bags are available in the lobby for the May 2nd event.
- July 4th: New sponsorship levels ranging from \$100 to over \$1,000 have been introduced to fund the fireworks.

C. Town Projects Update – Chris Taylor, Town Manager

- Hourglass Project: Construction is commencing this season, beginning with the Whisper extension and Keelty Crossing, which will serve as detours while work proceeds on Route 7. Completion is slated for July 2027.
- Local Option Tax: Following the ballot results, the Town will look to provide a longer "ramp" of information to residents should the Selectboard choose to revisit the proposal in the future.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by L. Mossey to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m., with a second by M. Joseph. 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.