



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: August 23, 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

MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Cymone Bedford, Planning & Development Review Director; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Anthony Micklus, Business Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director;

Members Absent: Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Richard Saunders, Business Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member;

Others Present: Irene Wrenner, Senator, Chittenden North District; Brittany Tradup, Town Manager's Office

1. Call to Order

D. Turner called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendees signed in.

3. Agenda Review

No changes.

4. Public Forum

None.

5. Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2023

Motion made by M. Joseph to approve the Minutes of June 28, 2023, with a second by L. Mossey. Motion approved.

6. Update: Downtown Core Master Plan

C. Bedford provided an update on this process. Milton on the Move will be having an ice cream social at the final Music in the Park on September 5. They will use the event to promote the

public health assessment survey. Consultants working with Dubois and King will be putting together a visual preference survey.

7. Milton Guide Update

Erik Johnson told D. Turner that he is having trouble getting advertisers to sign up. There was some discussion about how well the current solution is working, both for the goals of the EDC and for advertisers. Before developing another issue, the group would like to revisit goals and explore possible solutions.

8. Milton on the Move Update

D. Turner provided an update on joint efforts between the Town and Milton on the Move. In addition to the Downtown Core Master Plan, he discussed a recent collaboration with MOTM to commission a Market Feasibility Study for the Indoor Multipurpose Recreation Center. Turner recapped the process and the current status.

9. Staff Updates

a. Planning / Zoning Update – Cymone Bedford

- i. Recently entered into the Age Friendly Designation by AARP. Milton is the only town to have that designation in Vermont. There will be a press release distributed on September 18.
- ii. The Grille recently closed. It may be an opportunity to recruit for new businesses (mixed use space). The property owner is interviewing potential operators.
- iii. The new tavern got approval from the DRB.
- iv. Zachary's relocated and now has a full bar.
- v. I2 zoning district on Clapper Rd: there's a warehouse facility going in.
- vi. A new 8 unit development and commercial small business space will be going in.
- vii. There have been some recent changes to the retail landscape for cannabis that may affect how many applications the Town gets.
- viii. A business that does custom slides for amusement parks is interested in submitting an application.
- ix. The Town met with A. Duie Pyle about developing a regional hub.
- x. The new building that is under development across from Charlebois is already full.

b. Recreation – Cymone Bedford

- i. Tennis and pickleball courts are complete. There are a few updates that will need to be made.
- ii. A second basketball court has been added (hoop and stripes), but there was not budget to resurface at this time.
- iii. Phase II of the mountain bike project has begun.
- iv. Big events coming up:
 1. Touch a Truck is September 9; Adding food vendor this year
 2. Trunk or Treat is open on the website
- v. Last week of summer camp underway

c. Town Projects Update – D. Turner

- i. Held the ground breaking last week for the public works facility.

- ii. The acquisition by the Town of 3.9 acres adjacent to Bombardier Park is complete.
- iii. The Grange is open again. Bingo has started back up with the Fire Fighters Association. The Town has been booking events already.
- iv. The School Board and Selectboard will have a joint meeting on September 18.
- v. Two solar projects are close to getting permitted.
- vi. The Town has been doing a lot of stormwater projects.
- vii. The Hourglass Project is going to bid; hopeful for this fall or early next year.
- viii. At the Milton Artists' Guild Art & Stroll on September 16, there will be a booth for the Town.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by M. Joseph to adjourn the meeting with a second by A. Micklus. Motion Approved.

D. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

 Date: 9/27/23
Don Turner, Jr., Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 28th day of Sept., 2023.

ATTEST: Kirsti Beas, Milton Town Clerk

