



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Teleconference/Virtual Meeting
Address: 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
Contact: (802) 893-6655
Website: www.miltonvt.gov

MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Lindsey Ruhl; Community Member; Anthony Micklus, Business Member; June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Cymone Haiju, Director of Planning & Development Review; Jenna Tucker, Director of Recreation; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member

Members Absent: Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Richard DeSouza, Business Member

Others Present: None.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Agenda Review

None.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2021

Motion made by M Joseph to approve the Minutes of October 27, 2021 with a second by R. Lombard. Motion Approved.

5. Guide to the Best of Milton" Update

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

Meeting with Erik Johnson, Local Brew Digital Small Business Marketing

Offer to create business directory (in print and online) for Milton to stimulate business. Discussion on methods to pay for service.

6. ARPA Update

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

\$1.5 million received this year. \$512,000 is for economy recovery i.e. capital improvements that the town will spend. Other funds will be distributed through grants. The town is creating a grant application process.

7. "Milton on the Move" Discussion

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

First session was in November. Follow-up survey got more responses than any of the other 83 towns Rural Development has worked with. Second meeting was on December 14th. 40 people attended. The following priorities were identified: 1) creation of a community/recreation center, 2) support for business 3) creation of a downtown. Next and final meeting is January 12th.

8. Staff Updates

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager

Manager's message is on town website and is publicized on multiple platforms. Town has created FY23 budget. There is a \$0 dollar increase this year. ARPA and surplus money is being put toward capital investment which will allow funds to be used for other town maintenance costs. The hour-glass project work is progressing. Burger King is going to begin building in the spring.

Jenna Tucker, Director of Recreation

Wrapping up holiday events. There were five events this month. Winter festival is the next event. Bike trail building days are ongoing. Group trail building will resume in spring. Companies are facilitating their staff time to build trails. Work on Parks Rx is ongoing.

Cymone Haiju, Director of Planning & Development Review

No DRB meeting this past month. Updates on zoning and building permits.

9. Adjournment

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

D. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey Ruhl

APPROVED MINUTES:

_____ Date: _____

Don Turner, Jr., Chair

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