



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Teleconference/Virtual Meeting
Address: 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
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Website: www.miltonvt.gov

MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Richard Saunders, Community Member; Anthony Micklus, Clerk; Louis Mossey, Community Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Jenna Tucker, Director of Recreation; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Cymone Haiju, Director of Planning & Development Review; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Ian Squirell, Business Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member

Members Absent: Jamie Parent, Milton Business Association; June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present: MaryJane Stinsen

1. Call to Order

D. Turner called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Agenda Review

None.

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2021

Motion made by M. Joseph to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2021 with a second by R. Saunders. Motion Approved.

5. Update on How to Bridge the Education of Students with the Needs of the Business Community

Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools

MJ Stinson provided an update on bridging the education community with the needs of the business community. The school district has created the Milton Innovation Center Visioning Team. The goal is to capture and analyze the thoughts and dreams of students, educators and school staff, parents/caregivers and community members for the visioning, design and development of the Milton Innovation Center. The youth voice and youth-adult partnership are essential to school change. Flexible pathways to graduation and career opportunities are essential to this process. Amplifying youth voice is essential to making our schools more meaningful and engaging, and our community a place where young people thrive. Including youth voice and the voices of all stakeholders in the design of an Innovation Center at Milton High School will guide and sustain our work.

6. Presentation – Age-Friendly Community Planning

Cymone Haiju, Director of Planning & Development Review

C. Haiju, Director of Planning and Economic Development provided a presentation on the work she has been completing on Age-Friendly Community. Her in-depth presentation included statistics, features and required planning to achieve this designation.

7. Update on Development Projects

Richard Saunders, Development Review Coordinator

R. Saunders, Development Review Board Coordinator provided a brief update on the status of projects currently under review by the Development Review Board. These projects include Haydenberry Estates, Clearview Estates, and Burger King.

8. Town Projects Update

Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/EDC Chair

D. Turner Jr., Town Manager provided the following updates:

- The Town plans to return to in-person meetings in July.
- The Town expects to receive between \$1 - \$3 million dollars from the American Recue Plan within the next few months, and will have until December 2024 to use these funds.
- The Town is planning an economic development summit with the Vermont Council on Rural Development this fall. More information will be provided at future meetings.

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 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cally Audet

APPROVED MINUTES:

_____ Date: _____
Don Turner, Jr., Chair

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