

## Milton's Business of the Month!

The Town of Milton has selected The Milton Artists' Guild (MAG) as December's Business of the Month! MAG was founded originally in 1988 by three people and has since grown into a group of 197 artists. Gisela Alpert, President, said that "it was always a long time dream of ours to have an art center and gallery." What makes MAG a unique part of Milton? Alpert said that "the important part of our organization is that we're a non-juried group, which makes it very different than a lot of other groups. We welcome emerging and established artists because we feel that sharing the appreciation of the arts is important. Even if you're starting and you're not that good yet, that's okay! As long as you have the passion for the arts, that's all we care about."

Read more at:

<http://www.miltonvt.gov/287/Economic-Development-Commission>. Applications can also be found at the bottom of our page or picked up at the Town municipal building.



## Zoning Permits Issued in November

Total: 6  
 Amendments: 0  
 Single Family Home: 0  
 Duplex: 0  
 Home Occupation: 0  
 Non-Residential Alterations: 1  
 Renewal: 0  
 Home Alterations / Accessory Structures: 3  
 Withdrawals: 0  
 Other: 2

Certificates of Occupancy: 4

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ACTIVITY

**Milton's Development Review Board heard one case in November. The application was approved. Below is a summary of the case:**

#### 660 Beebe Hill Road

A minor, conventional, 2-lot subdivision was proposed at 660 Beebe Hill Road. The proposed lot would be 16 acres, and the resulting principal lot will be 105.8 acres, which is currently undergoing PUD review. The proposed lot would maintain an existing barn and would be used for residential purposes. The DRB approved the proposal.

#### On Deck

On December 13, the DRB will hear a Major Site Plan application for an auto body shop on Chrisemily Lane.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

In November, the Planning Commission held the first of its three visioning workshops. The PC will hold two more workshops throughout December, and will resume updating the Town Comprehensive Plan in January.

#### When's the Best Time to Submit a Zoning Permit Application?

It's always best to submit an application at least two months before your project begin date. But here's a graph depicting how many permits our office processes each month if you have time to spare:



## Town Trails and Forest Use Survey Results!

About 86% of respondents have visited the Milton Town Forest in the last year.

Almost 52% of participants did not visit the Lamoille River Walk Trail in the last year.

Over half of respondents do not want to see hunting on town public land, while nearly 2/3 of respondents do not want to see ATV use on our trails.

About 60% of those participants who did not want to see hunting or ATV use on town land would support the creation of separate spaces for those uses.

About 60% of Miltonians use town trails in the summer, while only 23% use those same trails in the winter.

### Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission did not meet in November due to the winter weather conditions. The CC will hold a December meeting earlier than its normally scheduled meeting in order to account for the Christmas holiday.

### Economic Development Resources

The Town of Milton has several resources to help promote economic development. These resources can be found on the economic development webpage or the Planning & Economic Development Department webpage. Here is a brief overview of some resources:

*Available Commercial Properties:* This is a list of known commercial properties (whether undeveloped land or built, vacant commercial space) that are available for rent or sale.

*Milton Business Directory:* This is a listing of all known businesses located in Milton. It is organized by category and updated annually or when a new business opens.

*Milton Job Bank:* This is a table of open positions in Milton's businesses. We update it at least once a month. If you are looking for employees, we can help you advertise your openings – free of charge!

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Development Review Board: December 13 at 6 pm

Planning Commission: December 4 & 18 at 6 pm

Conservation Commission: December 19 at 6:30 pm

Economic Development Commission: December 26 at 4 pm

### Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held its third Business Community Mixer at the Milton Artists' Guild on November 28. About fifteen members of the business community and town employees were present. After mixing while enjoying some snacks and refreshments, Gisela Alpert of the MAG gave an overview of MAG's operations and aspirations, and then participants engaged in a discussion about how Milton businesses could support each other. The next Business Community Mixer will be held in late winter.

At the EDC's next meeting, we will be discussing possibilities for a town-wide job fair, ways to promote local agriculture, and finding a location for our next Business Community Mixer.

## Questions or Suggestions?

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Remember, you can always find resources and information on planning, conservation, zoning, development review and economic development at our Town's website:

[www.miltonvt.gov](http://www.miltonvt.gov)