Resolution

RESOLUTION RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ~~BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY~~ COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Milton Selectboard understands the importance of economic development and formed an Economic Development Commission on May 2, 1994 for the purpose of pursuing ways to enhance the Town of Milton's economic future; and,

WHEREAS, the Milton Selectboard commissioned an Economic Development Strategy, which has recommended the restructuring of the Economic Development Commission to include a combination of business and community advocates; and,

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission is in agreement that such a restructuring is in the best interest of the Town of Milton; and,

~~**WHEREAS,** the Milton Selectboard believes the restructuring of the Economic Development Commission into the Economic Development Business and Community Advisory Commission (hereafter "EDBCAC" or "Commission"), is desirable; and~~

WHEREAS, the Milton Selectboard believes the community representatives shall be selected from among the eligible voters of the Town of Milton and the business representatives shall be selected from the highest ranking members of businesses operating within the Town of Milton; and

WHEREAS, the Milton Selectboard wishes for the Economic Development ~~Business and Community Advisory~~ Commission to be an independent and self-sustaining organization whose initial members shall be appointed by the Selectboard, but whose successor members shall be appointed by the ED~~BCA~~C itself, except for community representatives who shall continue to be appointed by the Selectboard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 305 of the Milton Town Charter, the Milton Selectboard has the authority to create such a Commission, and the Selectboard may designate the membership and responsibilities of such a Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Milton Selectboard does hereby restructure the Economic Development Commission into an Economic Development Business and Community Advisory Commission which will have the following composition and function; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Economic Development ~~Business and Community Advisory~~ Commission shall be composed of the following:

1. Said Commission shall consist of not less than nine nor more than fifteen voting members,
2. Three of these voting members shall be community representatives appointed by the Milton Selectboard. Initially, one member shall be appointed for a one (1) year term, one member for a two (2) year term and one member for a three (3) year term. Subsequently, terms shall be for three years. Initial appointments in this category of membership shall be from among the remaining community representatives of the Economic Development Commission, should they be interested in serving;
3. One of these members shall be or represent the Superintendent of Schools;
4. One of these members shall be the Town Manager, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission;
5. No less than four, nor more than nine, members shall represent ~~be~~ the highest ranking representatives of businesses within the Town of Milton, one of whom shall be recommended by the Milton Business Association, or its successor organization, if a successor organization exists. The initial membership in this category shall be appointed by the Milton Selectboard such that one third of such members are pointed for initial terms of one (1) year), one third for initial terms of two (2) years and one third for initial terms of three (3) years. Thereafter, successor members shall be appointed by the Commission itself for three year terms. If the initial membership does not consist of the maximum number of business representatives, individuals appointed subsequent to the Selectboard's appointment of initial membership shall be considered successor appointments, Every reasonable effort shall be made by the Selectboard and the EDC to ensure the business appointments are representative of the various business interests in the Town of Milton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Economic Development ~~Business and Community Advisory~~ Commission shall have advisory responsibilities such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Advise Town of Milton Staff and Selectboard regarding work toward continuing infrastructure improvements to facilitate and encourage appropriate business investment;
2. Advise Town of Milton Staff and Selectboard regarding the development of promotional materials for public education and promotion of Town of Milton economic development goals and objectives;
3. Advise the Town of Milton Staff and Selectboard regarding methods to be used in the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy and the hiring of consultants to assist with said implementation:
4. Assist in the evaluation of existing taxation policies and methods;
5. Assist in the evaluation of proposed amendments to the Zoning and Sub-division Regulations;
6. Assist in the development of means to promote the Town regionally;
7. Assist in the evaluation of existing land use policies as they relate to strengthening the Town's tax base;

8. Advise the Town of Milton Staff and Selectboard regarding means the advocate for business interests;
9. Assist in educating the public regarding economic issues facing the Town;
10. Advise the Town of Milton Staff and Selectboard in the conduct of studies to monitor economic trends in the Town, region and state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milton Selectboard hereby authorizes vacancies among the community representatives for this Commission be advertised and filled within a reasonable amount of time, and the Commission, when a quorum is appointed and constituted, shall be granted the authority to develop its own set of procedural by-laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this new Commission shall become effective as soon as at least a majority of the minimum Commission membership shall be appointed by the Selectboard.

Date : 10-20-14

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Dated: Oct. 21, 2014