

Town of Bolton

Economic Development Committee Minutes

February 5, 2024

Present: Erik Neyland, Sean Woods, Kristin DeJohn, Craig Johnson, Sean Serell

Absent: Amy Balewicz, Larry Cedrone

Staff: Pamela Harding, Town Planner

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM COMMUNICATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:40

The EDC was waiting on estimates for the waiting to Bolton sign before taking a vote on what to charge for a new business sign.

Erik Nyland suggested targeting March 7 for the business gathering, the Committee discussed Bolton Bean. The Committee took a vote not to exceed \$300 of their budget to be allocated to the gathering. There was formerly a Bolton business breakfast but it seemed the social worked better, the EDC is serving for once a quarter but are now thinking 2 times. S. serell made a motion for a cost not to exceed \$300, E. Neyland seconded the motion, Erik Neyland, Yes; Sean Woods, Yes; Kristin DeJohn, Yes; Amy Balewicz, Yes; Craig Johnson, Yes; Sean Serell Yes. motion passed 5-0.

An electrician evaluated the Welcome to Bolton sign and will provide an estimate for repairs.

The EDC reviewed the Implementation Section of the Master Plan. P. Harding explained the Master Plan will assign goals and objectives to various town entities and EDC will be involved in many of these goals. The K. DeJohn asked if there was a list of vacant commercial properties. E. Nyland stated it was started but it was difficult to keep up to date. It would be beneficial to do this again. The EDC continued reviewing the goals and felt the Forbush Mill area may provide some opportunities with relocating the DPW, which is a prime opportunity for retail/business development. Everything is limited by private water and septic service. K. DeJohn thought this should be considered with installation of the new rotary.

In general the EDC thought the Implementation Goals and Objectives related to Economic Development. The Chapter was agriculture heavy and the EDC could be involved in identifying accessory uses etc. There is an extreme amount of activity during apple picking season. The Agriculture Commission has not met in about three years and it would be good to work collaboratively to support the local farms, both larger and small. K. DeJohn stated she would contact former Ag. Committee meeting members to get updated information and determine if they are interested in meeting again and form partnerships.

Business list, Amy worked on a google form to start a survey to aid in updating the business contact list, people were left out of the wreath list and it may be beneficial to update the list. E. Neyland asked if emails could be generated from the Business Certificate list and categorize the different businesses.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45p.m.