



BEACON FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MAY 23, 2016

Chairman John Betkoski called the regular monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at **7:30 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Betkoski, Jeremy Rodorigo, Dennis Phipps, Kristen Trzaski, Brian DeGeorge.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: none (The appointments of R. Bradley & E. Korzon have recently expired causing two vacancies for tonight's meeting.)

GUESTS: Robert Bradley, Ed Korzon

MINUTES:

Minutes of the April/2016 EDC Meeting were reviewed. **D. Phipps moved to accept as presented. Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All ayes, motion carries 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Rodorigo, Chairman of the Board of Finance, addressed the Commission explaining the current state of affairs regarding the 2016/2017 proposed Town budget. Joe was emphatic in telling the Commission that requests for funding/budget changes would be reassessed throughout the fiscal year as warranted. Joe expressed a need for the EDC to work closely with the other Boards & Commissions in town to streamline the process for a potential commercial or industrial tenant to utilize in the decision making process and to seriously look into hiring an individual to assist in this process.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Initial contact with State D.O.T. regarding extending the downtown walkway from Bethany Rd. south to the Riverbend Park area appeared optimistic. This project is very preliminary at this point.
2. Downtown maintenance bid discussed. They are to cover the medians and the bottom of Exit 24.
3. The apparent low local turnout at the Duck Race last week was discussed with considerable concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **J. Rodorigo made a motion to accept Amity Gardens maintenance contract for the downtown medians and the area at the bottom of Exit 24. The agreement for \$2000.00 will cover all medians and the Exit 24 area. Seconded by K. Trzaski, all ayes. Motion carries 5-0.**
2. **J. Rodorigo made a motion for the EDC to pass along its wholehearted support regarding the reappointments of Robert Bradley & Ed Korzon to the EDC as soon as possible, to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by D. Phipps. All ayes, motion carries, 5-0.**
3. **With tonight's comments from Board of Finance Chairman Joe Rodorigo in mind, D. Phipps made a motion to name EDC Commissioner Kristen Trzaski liaison to compile available commercial & industrial properties and assist with completing the EDC marketing package. Also, to secure a cell phone to be answered by the EDC clerk with pertinent information, inquiries, etc. being answered and/or referred to an EDC Commissioner in a timely fashion. Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All ayes, motion carries, 5-0.**

GRANT NEWS / UPDATES:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

D. Phipps moved to pay all bills. Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All ayes, motion passes. 6-0.

With no other business, J. Rodorigo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.. seconded by B. DeGeorge. All ayes, motion carries, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen

Clerk

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