



# **BEACON FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

## **MEETING MINUTES January 22, 2018**

Chairman John Betkoski III called the monthly meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at **7:32 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Betkoski III, Jeremy Rodorigo, Ed Korzon, Dennis Phipps.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dave Pokras, Kristen Trzaski, Brian DeGeorge.

CERC: Sadie Colcord

### **MINUTES:**

**J. Rodorigo moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2018. Seconded by D. Phipps. All in favor, motion passes 4-0.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Selectman Mike Krenesky was present for a portion of the meeting. Mr. Krenesky updated the EDC re: status of the Library/Community Center. Mr. Krenesky reported that the Library/Community Ad-Hoc Committee has been disbanded by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will be reviewing future action on the subject including perhaps a survey, town vote, etc.

**J. Rodorigo made a motion that the EDC recommend a line item of \$25,000.00 for future action/support of a Library/Community Center and a regular agenda item labeled "Library/Community Center Update" be added. Seconded by J. Betkoski. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. J. Rodorigo presented a brief overview re: a recent meet with Real Estate agents Joe Pavlik and Ed Grodin, along with EDC Commissioner B. DeGeorge regarding the former Auto-Swage factory on North Main Street. The project appeared well thought out but very expensive.
2. E. Korzon and Sadie Colcord updated the Commission on the Haynes Project along the river to the Seymour town line.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The budget for 2018/19 was discussed and agreed upon with a total operating budget of \$63,000.00.

**J. Betkoski made a motion to present the EDC budget totaling \$63,000.00 to the Town. Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.**

Clerk	\$ 1,000.00
Consultant	\$50,000.00
Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Membership/Marketing	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$63,000.00

In an effort to better serve the residents of Beacon Falls along with making scheduling the EDC meeting easier for all involved: **J. Rodorigo made a motion to permanently move the start time of the regularly scheduled EDC monthly meeting from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. to begin with the February 26, 2018 meeting. Seconded by D. Phipps. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.**

The Board of Selectmen's Office and the Town Clerk will be notified of the change.

### **CERC REPORT / GRANT NEWS**

The "CERC REPORT" from Sadie Colcord continues to be included at this point in the agenda. This evening Sadie Colcord gave a brief overview of her activities along with future plans.

Sadie reports attending Town Meetings, meeting with Realtors and the Haynes Group along with prospective commercial tenants. The website was updated. Sadie met with Joe Rodorigo re: tax incentive. Available commercial and industrial sites were reviewed. She also presented the EDC with draft "Land Use Regulations".

**J. Rodorigo made a motion to approve and support the draft "Land Use Regulatory Process" document as presented by Sadie Colcord. Seconded by E. Korzon. All in favor. Motion passes 4-0.** The document will now move to the Board of Selectmen.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**D. Phipps moved to pay the \$94.50 Clerks bill. Seconded by E. Korzon. All in favor, Motion passes 4-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**With no other business, J. Rodorigo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm., seconded by Dennis Phipps.  
All in favor, motion passes 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter A. Christensen*

Clerk