



# **BEACON FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

## **MEETING MINUTES March 25, 2019**

Chairman John W. Betkoski called the meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at **7:00 pm.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** John W. Betkoski, Dennis Phipps, Ed Korzon, Dave Pokras, Brian DeGeorge, Ed Mulvihill

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Jeremy Roderigo

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sadie Colcord, Economic Development Coordinator; David Golebiewski, TPA Design Group; Sergio Felix, Resident

### **MINUTES:**

**D. Pokras moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019. Seconded by D. Phipps. All in favor, motion passes 6-0.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sergio Felix asked that the EDC help make improvements to the area around the Pinesbridge Industrial Park in addition to the downtown area.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1 Invitation to Mario Trepca to attend the February EDC Meeting.
2. Retail 101 may continue operations on North Main Street past February/2019.
3. A beer-wine-liquor permit has been applied for for the space next to Subway.

4. EDC to consider using a landscape architect to assist in future projects downtown.

**E. Mulvihill moved to formally engage TPA Design Group as landscape architects. Seconded by E. Korzon. All in favor, motion passes 6-0.**

5. Discussion continued regarding the appearance of an over-abundance of junk cars on So. Main St. near Noe Pl.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board of Selectmen requested that the EDC offer an opinion on the proposed amendments to the tax incentive ordinance.

**D. Pokras moved to support the proposed amendments. Seconded by E. Korzon. All in favor, motion Passes. 6-0.**

\*Sadie Colcord's EDC Coordinator's update with numerous new business items is included below.\*

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

1. The EDC's excess marketing funding could be used to create a town logo. The members agreed that they prefer to use the funding for business testimonial videos.
2. State Bond Commission meeting was cancelled for March – still little clarity on Fire School lots.
3. CKS Packaging's application for Enterprise Corridor Zone benefits should be submitted to the State later in the week.
4. New Town website.
5. The Town Attorney will explore any deed restrictions on Town-owned lots on North Main Street.
6. The presentation at the Board of Finance's workshop went well – waiting to hear on proposed budget.
7. Mario Trepca would like to do additional commercial development on Main Street, but parking is prohibitive.
8. A quarterly business newsletter will be another priority over the coming months.

### **LIBRARY / COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE:**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business, **D. Phipps moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm, seconded by E. Mulvihill. All in favor, motion passes 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter A. Christensen*

Clerk