

Town of Bolton
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Minutes to EDC Meeting
Monday June 28, 2010
Town Hall, Bolton
Final

Attendees:

Jennifer Atwood Burney, Helene Demmer, Stephen George, John Karlon,	Dina Mazzola,Chris Nelson, Eileen Schomp,
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Non-member attendees: John DiGeronimo, Dave Drugge

Not present EDC/planning members: Lysa Miller, James Riseborough, Bruce Slater

Next meeting: Monday August 9, 7:30pm Town Hall

Minutes

- **First order of Business, administrative follow-up:**
 - Need to approve meeting minutes by having the chairman sign-off on the actual minutes document – need to do this for all previous meetings.

- **EDC Website Development:**
 - Dina is focusing on a working document which users can access to determine “Why Bolton?”, “Why move your business to Bolton?”
 - Goal is to attract business to Bolton, need to fill the vacancies
 - \$500 estimate on coding the website, maybe the town has some budget?
 - Need to make sure this website can be maintained and updated
 - Thinking of corporate sponsorship, self funding
 - Promote, promote, promote
 - Town clerk would have a total list of all businesses
 - Need to start a business directory

- **General Discussion**

John DiGeronimo

John attended our meeting, he is considering whether to become a member of the EDC. John brings experience in the grocery store business and discussed pros and cons of a grocery store going into the Smith Property location.

Dave Drugge

Discussed the plans to be presented at the July 8 BOS for the Smith Property.

Voted on and approved:

- 1. EDC issued a statement of support for some development in general at the Smith Property, specifics to be determined over time.**
- 2. Current environment in Bolton is 8% of tax dollars comes from commercial entities – EDC would like to see that number increased more than 8%, further analysis to be done, specifics to be determined to explore going beyond status quo.**

Action: Need positions on development in Town: smart, preserving town character

Action: Financial analysis to support why some development is needed – not doing things in a piece-meal fashion.