

Town of Bolton
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Minutes to EDC Meeting
Monday September 13, 2010
Town Hall, Bolton
Final

Attendees:

Jennifer Atwood Burney, Helene Demmer, Stephen George, John Karlon,	Dina Mazzola, Lysa Miller, Chris Nelson, Eileen Schomp
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Non-member attendees: A few town residents
EDC members not in attendance: Bruce Slater

Next meeting: Monday October 18, 7:30pm Town Hall

Updates:

- Will be setting up a meeting with Peer-to-Peer consultant Michelle Ciccolo to review our thought process regarding developing an Economic Development Plan – want to use her 30 hour of services wisely
- Helene and Jennifer will meet with Rosemary Scrivens, Central Regional Director of the MASS office of business development to see if she can assist the EDC in development of the plan and/or have any suggestions for us.
- Lisa Miller suggested we reach out to existing businesses, not just the vacancies, to see what the EDC can help them with – need to address this suggestion (ie. Bolton Orchards, The International, etc)

- **Economic Development Plan**
 - Want to look out 10 years – need growth rate on budget and population – Helene to look at past spending/budgets and develop
 - Would like to be able to give Michelle a hand-out to start work
 - Really looking for low impact, high return businesses
 - Need to begin a financial plan highlighting cost benefit analysis of residential and non-residential development to people within Bolton understand how development affects them
 - Given the school spending is over 60% of the budget, need to understand how other towns compare - \$/pupil, etc
 - Need an outline for the plan
 - Follow-up with outcome of Tax Assessor’s review of AT&T & Future electronics abatement requests.

- **Web Site**
 - Funding seems to be a gate – Lysa Miller to e-mail Don Lowe to see if there is funding in current budget (\$300)

Voted to request \$300 – for the Beginning development of the website - approved