

Town of Bolton
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
Minutes to EDC Meeting
Monday October 1, 2012
Town Hall, Bolton, MA
Next meeting October 29, 2012

Attendees: Jennifer Atwood Burney, Helene Demmer, Heather Hughes, John Karlon, Lysa Miller, Bharat Nair, Erik Neyland, Bruce Slater

Members not in attendance: Steve George, Dina Mazzola

Elections: Election of New Chairman – Chris Nelson has officially resigned. Bruce Slater has nominated Bharat as the chairman – unanimous – Erik Neyland nominated himself as vice-chairman, then Helene Demmer, nominated herself as vice-chairman, Erik decided not to run, then it was a unanimous vote to add Helene Demmer, as vice chairman. Erik Neyland was nominated as secretary (Helene is still taking notes tonight Oct-1-2012)

11 original EDC positions, with Chris Nelson resigning as well as Eileen Schomp, leave 9 active members – both Dina Mazzola and Steve George are still involved, but will follow up in reference to Steve George (Jenny). 11 originally signed up, so the BOS just went along with 11 as EDC membership – should we keep the membership at 11 - Heather brought out the concept of possibly bringing other people, who may have alternate/different opinions in as a board member.

Action: reach out to Steve George as to his intention to stay on the board. Also reach out to Rich Pelletier as a member as the Bolton Agriculture Commission – Heather will reach out to Craig Macrae, Lysa Miller will reach Mark Drago at the International.

Action: objective: meet with the different boards, committees and “splinter groups – report back by next meeting, October 29

Thoughts on a Bolton brand/theme
What do you think about the EDC?
What do you think the EDC could have done differently?
How can we work together?
What type of economic development you would want in Bolton?

Actions to reach out:
John Karlon: planning board
Bharat : BOS – agriculture (Rich Pelletier), conservation trust
Helene :Historical committee, Advisory (Bruce Slater will come)
Heather: pro-bolton, grow bolton, grow smart, Bolton local, partners for planning

Bolton Common Articles – Interviewing businesses as well as update –

Maybe once a month – do an update, and the next month do an article –
Lysa and Erik to drive

Leasing opportunities – Jenny will get the summary of usages of the vacant spaces –
skimmers? in particular – Lysa will update on the EDC website

Goals of EDC – wait until we get the results back from our meetings

Paragon ribbon cutting

Kept it simple

Consultant reached out to the senator and Kate Hogan

BOS chair said something

Jennifer Flannigan

Tour of the facility

Overall went very well

Additional ribbon cutting:

- County Dogs (doggie day care at Salt Box)
 - October 6 ribbon cutting ceremony cancelled
 - Erik will reach out to them to find the date in advance
- Slaters
 - Bruce will get back to us with a date, possibly coordinating with an event at his business
 - EDC will coordinate with boards to attend