

Meeting Minutes from 13Mar2017

Attendees:

Erik Neyland (Chairman)
Rick Bernier (Vice-Chairman)
Helene Demmer
Gwen Cook
Mike Murphy
Dan L'Ecuyer
Mark Ayotte
Erica Uriarte (Town Planner)

Erik Neyland
4/3/17

Notes:

Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Agenda Item #2: Met Potential New Members Amy Balewicz, Larissa Thurston, and Chris Lineberry

- All three stated their interests in the committee and their life experiences that would help contribute to the EDC's mission.

Agenda Item #3: Met with Bob Roemer from BCT to discuss the potential purchase of the Town Common

- Bob Roemer presented the BCT reasons why Bolton should purchase the Town Common for the 270k remaining of the BCT's loans.
- Remediation has been completed, and is certified (confirmation on certification?)
- If not purchased implications were discussed.

Agenda Item #4: Annual Report was reviewed and Approved

Agenda Item #5: Annual Business Breakfast discussed

- Due to planning still going on decided to move event to May 9th or 11th depending on availability of guest speakers.
- Will hold in Paragon if approved by facilities manager
- Will be catered by Slater's
- Some positive movement on Lt. Governor Karyn Polito but no definite response yet.
- Paul Matthews is an option. Other people were discussed as well.
- Will solidify plans at next meeting, April 3rd, and then start to send out invitations. Hope to get 50 if the Lt. Governor is involved.

Agenda Item #6: Banner Brackets

- Voted to allocate money from Wreath Fund to fund the banner brackets. (Unanimous approve 7-0)
- Will discuss sizing and timing with Karen Regan at next meeting. (She will not be able to attend April 3rd)
- Rick Bernier received pricing for various brackets.

Agenda Item #7: Brochure Update

- Erik and Rick continuing to work on Brochure with Minuteman
- Hope to be complete soon and run first 1000 at printer for roughly 350 dollars.
- Discussed coupon insert

Agenda Item #8: Website Update

- Need to get website reviewed and live
- Will form a committee of a few people to update and manage content
- Discussed what content will go on website. More business related and geared to businesses. Whereas, Facebook is more about consumers.

Agenda Item #9: Welcome Sign Update

- Bob Roemer stuck around to discuss since he involved in security the sign physically.
- They have done as much work as they can until the spring thaw occurs. The sign will be fully supported when done.
- Lighting of the sign was discussed. The Solar lighting was chosen. It will be affixed to the stone wall and point to the sign. This will be funded privately by the Demmer Family (Thank you!)

Agenda Item #10: Current Business

- Update given on the progress of Country Cupboards renovations. Septic complete. Ready to tie in new electrical system. Renovations will be starting soon on the interior to make room for Dunkin Donuts. DD should open sometime in the summer.
- Updated status on Social Media and stories posted

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- No new businesses were discussed.

Agenda Item #12: Vacant Commercial Space and Available Non-residential Land

- Mike Murphy was particularly interested in this topic. He wanted to know what our overall philosophy was in this area. We discussed how to market this space, and what

role the EDC should play in this job. Who should we talk to, to push the available space was the theme.

- Discussed what the vacant space list should include for information.

Agenda Item #13: Town Policy Updates

- New housing subdivision and negative impacts to Town financials were discussed by Erik. 40Bs were discussed as well.
- Bylaw update to allow fast food as an accessory to an approved primary use. Still banned as primary use.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20