

Economic Development Committee
March 17th, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Bill Dowey, Vice Chair Bruce Dorner, Paul Bemis, and Nancy Spears, Hector Hsu, Britta Hallberg, and Jamie Bemis.

Absent

Carolyn Shulman

Call to Order:

With all members remote, Mr. Dowey called the “zoom” based meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Approval of February Minutes by Mr. Dorner, seconded by Mrs. Spears. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

Old Business/ New Business:

AH grant outcome

Mr. Bemis stated that he presented to the Select Board and they opposed the Affordable Housing project and grant application. Currently the Select Board is not entertaining new business items. Mr. Bemis and the sub committee will reconvene and discuss next steps on how to proceed in the future, whether the sub committee works on the inside or outside of the municipality. Mr. Bemis stated that it should be part of the Town as the goal is to bring affordable housing to Bristol.

Summer Multi-committee Planning Session

Mr. Dowey stated the multi-committee will convene either mid or late June. The data that has been collected will be used for future opportunities including estimates from different engineers. Mr. Dowey stated the focus will be on building a Chapter Program/Capital Improvements Program along with Master Plan updates. The Select Board granted \$800 to be expended by Mike Vignale of KV partners (Consulting Engineers) to provide engineering estimates for the TAP21 grant application being managed by the LRPC TAC. Mr Dowey was presenting a summary of the completed version of this TAP21 application to the Select Board on March 18, to ask permission to submit to NHDOT on March 19th. Melissa Levey (Consultant for USDA), is seeking comments from BEDC members on content for the Master Plan.

Capital Improvement Program Budget

Mr. Bemis discussed the Solar Project that passed at the Town Meeting that includes a working relationship with Barrington Power. He has a meeting with the Select Board for further details and plans.

Mr. Dorner also discussed that currently the Select Board itself has changed due to new members being voted in and are still forming. Mr. Dorner also stated he will head up the marketing segments and will

have more details in the next month. Discussion from the committee regarding continuing efforts on marketing Bristol and publicity for the EDC.

Member Comments/Select Board Comments & Staff Comments:

Mrs. Hallberg discussed a series of workshops offered by GRCC April 2nd through June 25th and the offer of adding the EDC/Town of Bristol logo onto the presentations as a co presenter. The committee will discuss further but agree it would be a great opportunity.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:52pm by Mr. Dorner, seconded by Mr. Bemis. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Wharton