

Bristol Economic Development Committee

April 5, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Dowey, Vincent Paul Migliore, Les Dion, Rick Alpers, Nik Coates

Members Absent: Janet Cavanagh

Others Present: Paul Reagan, Carolyn Schulman, Bruce Dorner

Chairman Bill Dowey called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

March 22 Meeting Minutes: Ms. Dion made a motion to accept the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Alpers seconded and the motion. Mr. Migliore pointed out that he was the one who seconded the motion to adjourn at the March 22, 2017 meeting, not Bruce Dorner. The committee agreed with the proposed amendment. The minutes were approved as amended by a 4-0 vote.

Mission Statement: After discussion of the mission statement, the committee agreed that there would be a standing agenda item to recite the mission statement.

Staff Coverage: After discussion, the committee agreed that when the Planner position is filled, the person would support the committee.

Regatta: Erik Nelson and Andrew Veilleux did not attend the meeting, so the agenda item was passed over.

Visioning: The committee agreed a top priority for the EDC to achieve during the visioning session with the Select Board, Planning Board, and Historic District Commission was to determine the Bristol brand. Mr. Alpers suggested that we talk to NH Listens about their interest in doing a community conversation about the vision/brand of Bristol.

Chamber Hut: Ms. Dion is working on getting materials together for the chamber building that the Town recently acquired. There would be rules as to what would be allowed for materials. Mr. Alpers asked Mr. Coates to talk to Highway Superintendent Mark Bucklin about talking to the DOT District to get the site cleaned and fixed up. Mr. Alpers asked Mr. Coates to talk to Christina Goodwin about seeing if the portapotty company could donate a portapotty at the site. The season that the building would be staffed by volunteers is June to Labor Day.

Website, Marketing and Branding: Mr. Dorner and Mr. Coates agreed to get together and look at the Town's website and meet with Ms. Goodwin to discuss how the website works and what improvements could be made.

Cell/Broadband: Mr. Dowey updated the committee on the various meetings and conversations he's had about getting cell service to Bristol.

Business Market Analysis and Business Recruitment: Ms. Cavanagh was not able to attend the meeting, so her presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

Commercial/Industrial Database Update: Ms. Cavanagh was not able to attend the meeting, so her presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

EDC Newspaper Column: The editor for the Newfound Landing is interested in an EDC monthly newspaper column. The committee agreed to discuss topics at the next meeting.

Public Comments: Mr. Coates said he will send to Mr. Reagan the contact information for a resident that may be interested in helping with the mapping project.

Ms. Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Alpers. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nik Coates