



BEACON FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES September 24, 2018

Chairman John W. Betkoski called the meeting of the Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission to order at **7:05 pm.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jeremy Rodorigo, Ed Korzon, Dave Pokras, Dennis Phipps, John W. Betkoski, Ed Mulvihill

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Brian DeGeorge

CERC: Sadie Colcord

In the Clerk's absence this meetings minutes were recorded by Sadie Colcord.

MINUTES:

D. Pokras moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2018, Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All in favor, motion passes 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Town Zoning Enforcement Officer Mike Mormile explained the warning process regarding the Town's blight ordinances. Mike explained his limited legal resources often prevents his office from fully pursuing the complaints he receives. The Commission will be contacting the Board of Selectmen to look into this matter. E. Korzon stated that the Town should at least pursue legal action against the most visible blighted properties. The EDC will be inviting the owners of these properties in question to discuss the importance of well-maintained properties and especially those in the downtown area.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Jack Betkoski III reported that, as of August 2018 the EDC had a budget of \$48,000.00

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sadie Colcord said the billboard will run until October 7, 2018. She has acquired a few contacts as a result.
2. Sadie Colcord said the NVCOG should soon be releasing model downtown blocks for each town in the region designed to promote good urbanlandscaping, alternate modes of transportation, and TOD.
3. J. Rodorigo reported that he ordered a new tree for the median divider downtown at a cost of \$300.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CERC REPORT / GRANT NEWS:

Sadie Colcord reported that she is working with several businesses in town. Some looking to expand and some requiring State assistance. She is also working with several prospective businesses interested in locating to town properties. Sadie reported that Goldenrod Corps. tax incentive application was supported unanimously at a Town meeting, while Dibra LLC's application was not supported by the majority. She also shared the results of a recent business survey with the EDC and explained that she plans to organize programming for local businesses based on this data.

LIBRARY / COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE:

Selectman Mike Krenesky shared with the EDC that he will be asking the Board of Finance what information they need to give the Library/Community Ctr. Building Committee funding for architectural renderings. The Committee also plans to coordinate community focus groups with the State Library to determine what the needs are for the different demographic groups.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The Clerk has submitted a bill of \$51.00 for 3 hours of clerical work. (No meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business, E. Korzon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm., seconded by J. Rodorigo. All in favor, motion passes 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen

Clerk