

Mendon Economic Development Committee

March 27, 2018 at 6 PM at the Town Office.

Attendees: Richard Wilcox, Selectboard Chair, Sara Tully, Town Administrator, Mark Latzky, Virtual Solutions, Brittany Charles, Mendon Mountain Orchards, Neil Langer, Mendon Planning Commission, Julia Purdy, Freelance Writer,

Agenda: No addition or deletions from the agenda

Minutes: Sara Tully presented the minutes from the February 20, 2018. Minutes are posted on the Mendon Website at www.mendonvt.org

Tax Stabilization

The Committee members discussed meeting with Bill Moore, Town of Brandon to discuss Brandon's Tax Stabilization Policy and how it has benefited economic development in Brandon. MEDC will schedule the next meeting based on the availability of Mr. Moore. If Mr. Moore can't attend a MEDC meeting then possibly MEDC members could meet with him in Brandon. M. Latzky suggested that advertising to Mendon property owners that we have invited Mr. Moore to speak with Mendon about tax stabilization will draw additional attendees to the meeting.

Business Survey

The survey questions were reviewed and finalized. As part of the survey it discusses Mendon's status as a "hub" and it also asks about the Killington Valley marketing initiative. S. Tully will get information about these programs for interviewers to leave with participants of the survey. A list of businesses was reviewed. S. Tully will cross reference this list with the commercial properties on the Grand List. The group started assigning businesses to committee members to reach out and complete the business survey.

Proposed Mountain Bike Trail from Killington to Mendon

Cort Jones electronically provided information to the committee from Shelley Lutz regarding an idea to connect the mountain biking trails in Killington with Pine Hill Park in Rutland. A conceptual map was provided which had most of the route crossing property owned by Rutland City in the Town of Mendon. Some initial questions were whether Rutland City would support mountain biking trails within the Rutland City Watershed, how would this trail increase economic opportunities in Mendon and how could bikers safely access our businesses. MEDC does not have the resources at this time to accomplish such a project. There was interest with individual members to pursue more information.

Collaboration with the Mendon Planning Commission

The Mendon Planning Commission in connection with the grant they received to rewrite the Town Plan is hosting a gathering at the Mendon Recreation Area tentatively on June 9th. They want to know if MEDC would like to co-host this event. The Committee members would like to know what is the estimated budget for the event and how much is available with the grant. The Planning Commission meets next week. M. Latzky suggested a basket raffle to help raise money for the event. S. Tully also suggested maybe the Recreation Committee wanted to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Tully