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Economic Development Committee
April 20th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Bill Dowey, Vice Chair Bruce Dorner, Paul Bemis, Nancy Spears, and Les Dion, Select Board Rep

Absent:

Carolyn Shulman and Hector Hsu

Call to Order:

Mr. Dowey called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve March Minutes by Mr. Dowey, second by Mr. Bemis. Motion passed, 4-0-1.

Old Business/ New Business:

Discussion by the committee regarding the vacant seat on the EDC and the position for the Town and EDC to liaison and assist with grants and project writing. The committee agrees that it would be beneficial to have one person liaison between the EDC, Select Board, Town Administrator, and other departments. Mr. Dowey stated there is a Chair/Vice Chair Meeting through all departments to connector and discuss visions, projects, and focus for each. Mr. Dowey and Mr. Dorner will be in attendance.

Ms. Spears stated there is not updates and no shown initiative to create a Chamber of Commerce in Bristol as there once was.

Mr. Dorner updated the committee on the downtown business videos he and Mr. Overton have been putting together to promote local businesses and engaging and attracting other businesses to Bristol. His recent segment was on Fran's Ceramics.

The committee reviewed the list with all potential projects for the EDC. Mr. Bemis discussed the first three as they serve the Energy Committee along with the EDC. Mr. Dowey stated they belong under Energy only. Mr. Dowey stated that the upgrade to 3A and 104 is at a stand still as DOT have backed off. Mr. Dowey also discussed the housing shortage in Bristol; Mr. Dorner and Ms. Goodwin are working together to flag and look at ideas on how to alleviate the problem.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10pm by Mr. Dowey, second by Mr. Bemis. Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Wharton