

Bristol Economic Development Committee

March 20, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Dowey, Bruce Dorner, Carolyn Schulman, Paul Barnett, Wayne Anderson, Vincent Paul Migliore, and Nik Coates Ex-officio member.

Paul Bemis and Nancy Speers. were absent.

Others Present: Les Dion

Bill Dowey opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Bruce Dorner motioned to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019, seconded by Paul Barnett. The vote was **4 in Favor – 0 Abstained - 0 Opposed.**

Town Meeting Results – Sewer Extension, Budget/ Activities Selection:

Wayne Anderson spoke about the USDA application saying we have turned it in and they will consider it for the grant and loan. Wayne also said we will need to raise \$10 million to move forward with this. Nik Coates said there is limited federal funding of \$20 million for grants and loans from the USDA and \$2 million from the EDA for the entire region. Nik Coates also said we will not see the sewer project until 2022-2023. Our next step is to secure as much funding as we can for the next six months. Nik also said that the town has hired an archaeologist and that there are three property owners on the cross country route and they are on board with the project.

Bill Dowey speaking for Paul Bemis about a solar site at the water and sewer plant if this moves forward. Carolyn Shulman also said someone had approached her about a solar array. They told her it would be a twelve month process. Carolyn said it will be a Planning Board issue. Paul Barnett said that having battery power would change costs greatly.

Fiber Engineer Selection:

Bill Dowey said there were four vendors and that they had made a selection and Nik Coates would be bringing it to the Select Board. Bill would like to have extended loops through the revitalization zones. He also said we will remove from the poles as it is dug up for sewer and put the fiber underground. Bruce Dorner said removing utilities from the poles, would dress up the town. Nik Coates said that there is a flat rate per pole and we do need to stay within the budget.

Retail Group Update:

Bill Dowey said there would not be an update tonight as Nancy Spears was absent tonight.

Workforce Development Update:

Bruce Dorner said if we get jobs for people, where will they live? The businesses are looking for employees and we don't have them. He also asked if we want to build "Bristol Residential". There was further discussion, but no resolution.

Master Plan Development /Rural Economic Development Initiative - Application

Bill Dowey has done an initial outline for the Rural Economic Development Initiative which is due on April 5th or 8th. Bill said he gave Tyler in the Planning Department the initial input and also said we need to get external moneys.

Electrical Power use/study into the Master Plan. Paul Barnett said we need to get a firm to do a study for about \$5,000 and the firm tracks all power for pricing. Paul said that green power is a big thing, it is all about supply and demand. Wayne Anderson said that it can be linked to the Master Plan. Bill Dowey said we need to put the EDC into the Master Plan.

PSU Update:

Bill Dowey, Bruce Dorner and Vincent Migliore will be going to the PSU tomorrow.

Committee Appointments/ Nominations:

The 3 year terms for Bill Dowey and Vincent Migliore on the BEDC have expired. Nik Coates will take the recommendations for reappointment to the Select Board.

Paul Barnett moved to recommend to the Select Board to nominate Bill Dowey for Chairman, seconded by Carolyn Shulman. The vote was **4 in Favor – 1 Abstained – 0 Opposed**. The committee has deferred

Bruce Dorner moved to recommend to the Select Board to nominate Vincent Paul Migliore to be on the committee, seconded by Bill Dowey. The vote was **4 in Favor – 1 Abstained – 0 Opposed**.

Wayne Anderson moved to recommend to the Select Board to nominate Bruce Dorner for vice chair, seconded by Bill Dowey. The vote was **5 in Favor – 0 Abstained – 0 Opposed**.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Bill Dowey asked for a motion to close the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Bruce Dorner motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Wayne Anderson. The vote was **5 in Favor – 0 Abstained - 0 Opposed**.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Vogan