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Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2019

Committee Members Present

- Dennis Woods, Sandi Woods, Les Elder, Chris Penta, Peg Hurd, Erin Hutchings, Bob Bourdeau, Kathy Russ, Phil Bean (new member)

Committee Members not in attendance

- Billy Walden, Bruce Woodruff

Others Present

- Ernie Creveling (TA)

Opening

- Meeting came to order at 6:00. Sandi Woods – Minutes recorder

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- No public in attendance.

New Business

- Erin Hutchings officially swore in Sandi Woods and Peg Hurd (alternates), and Bob Bourdeau, as continuing members of the MEDC.
- Billy Walden will no longer be a member of the MEDC, due to missing 4 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. The Chairman asked for recommendations for replacement.
- MEDC welcomes our newest member, Phil Bean. Phil brings a wealth of enthusiasm and knowledge, both as a business owner and resident of Milton Mills. Welcome, Phil...!
- Continuing the theme of better communications and contacts with other Town departments, liaisons for Conservation will be Peg Hurd, Erin Hutchings for Water District, and Phil Bean for Land Use.

Old Business

- Bob Bourdeau , met with the leadership of Index Packaging, and again came away with the not so good news, that although not immediately, the headquarters for Index will be moving to their new location in Rochester within the next 5 years. Milton will become a storage facility. The newly proposed Milton facility failed due to land title issues with the access property owned by the Town of Milton, DOT's 18 month delay for approvals, no infrastructure, and less of a labor pool here in Milton.
- Les Elder shared his investigation into developer concerns about building in Milton. After speaking to several area developers, the consensus was that they were frustrated with the lack of knowledgeable Land Use assistance. No single point of contact. Phil Bean asked if we had an MEDC point of contact for Land Use, and suggest we assign a liaison. Sandi Woods nominated Phil Bean as Land Use liaison, and Kathy Russ seconded.
- Bob Bourdeau motions for approval of the minutes for April and May MEDC meetings. Sandi Woods seconded. Minutes approved.
- Erin Hutchings informed MEDC that NH senate bill 154, that will clear the way for the sale of the old fire station, is expected to be passed. The current buyer is still interested, and the real estate agent is keeping the listing active.

Closing Public Comment

- n/a

Closing Member Comment

- None.

Adjournment

- Sandi Woods motioned for adjournment, Dennis Woods seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45.