

Town of Milton

Local Government Efficiency Task Force

March 11, 2021

Meeting Notes/Minutes

Members attending in person; Karen Golab, Claudine Burnham, Kym Libby, Tammy Smith, Larry Brown

Absent: Mike Beulieu, Doug Shute, John Giunco

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes

- ✓ The minutes from February 23, 2021 were reviewed.
- ✓ Kym made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
- ✓ This was seconded by Claudine. A roll call of all voting members agreed to accept the minutes.
- ✓ Motion carried.

MED Survey (Milton Economic Development)

- ✓ We resumed review of the survey questions.
- ✓ We were able to complete questions 5-8 on the survey. Our interpretation is shown below.

✓ Question 5.

Question Five: What is the most important issue for town government to focus on? (Rank in order of importance with 1 being most important)													
<p>Summary of Responses: The most important issues for town government to focus on is in the following order: Economic Development, natural resources, land use, economic development and educational and cultural resources. The remaining issues were ranked within the range of similar percentages between 1 to 3% difference. Due to the close results of these issues, the survey answers that many have a variation of what they deem as most important issue for the town government to focus on.</p>													
Economic Development Opportunities:													Priority
Government Efficiency Opportunities:													Priority
<p>Top Three Comments:</p> <p>1) no comments</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>													
Overall Evaluations of Comments:													

✓ Question 6.

Question Six: What should be the Town's top capital improvement Priority? (Choose only one)												
Summary of Responses: the clear choice was village redevelopment. Need to focus on revitalization and redevelopment												
Economic Development Opportunities:												Priority
Government Efficiency Opportunities:												Priority
Top Three Comments: 1) retain, preserve & improve town controlled buildings & public road infrastructures 2) lower taxes 3)												

✓ Question 7.

Question Seven: What should be the town's top economic development priority? (Choose only one)														
Summary of Responses: The top capital improvement priority was overwhelmingly in construction and development of retail and food-beverage businesses. Following priorities are the need for recreation and tourism industry.														
Economic Development Opportunities:														Priority
Government Efficiency Opportunities:														Priority
Top Three Comments: 1) Overwhelming interest is to support resources and businesses to lower taxes. 2) 3)														
Overall Evaluations of Comments:														

✓ Question 8

Question Eight: Which of the following do you support or would like to enhance? (Choose all that apply)												
Summary of Responses: The top choice selected to support or enhance is trail & recreational activities followed by cultural and festival events and entertainment.												
Economic Development Opportunities:												Priority
Government Efficiency Opportunities:												Priority
Top Three Comments: 1) support--Business, farmers market, use of town meeting house, restaurants 2) enhance--ATV trails and open trails along the river of the dam, downtown parking, natural resources 3) create--free education and lecture series, urgent care, grocery stores, dog park, skating rink, LGBTQ friendly events, town docks, bike lane.												
Overall Evaluations of Comments:												

Public Comment

✓ None

Other Business

- ✓ Karen will follow up with Ernie to determine the date and how Survey Monkey should be shut down.

Next Meeting

- ✓ The next meeting for the task force is set for March 23, 2021 at 6 p.m. however, there appears to be a conflict for meeting space with the budget committee, so the date is likely to change.

Adjournment

- ✓ Motion to adjourn made by Tammy
- ✓ 2nd made by Kym
- ✓ Roll call vote and all members in favor
- ✓ Motion carries.