



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday January 9, 2019

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Merolli (Chair), Jordan Guzman, John Danielson, Ann Mazar

Members Absent: Tim Persson

Others Present: Seth Shurfro, Karen Wheet, Lisa Vandervalk

1. Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by chair Tom Merolli
2. Discussed proposal from "Radical Solutions", a business which visited the Open For Business Breakfast, to provide energy aggregation for businesses in town. Tom reached out to several businesses, including Bushel and Peck in Grafton, Package Steel in Sutton, and Mendon's own Bethany Community Church, who were happy with the business aggregation plan. The EDC felt that it would be best to see what kind of rates that company can provide the town for its own buildings before pushing this to the wider business community of Mendon.
3. Lisa Vandervalk was attending as she was potentially interested in joining the EDC. The need for new members remains, as the board needs 4 for a quorum.

4. Seth Shurfro brought forward an idea: talking to the new bank in town, Rockland Trust, about providing low interest loans to new businesses opening in town. As Rockland is trying to establish itself in Mendon, it might be open to doing this. Seth offered to reach out to Rockland and find more information, as he is slated to be appointed by the BOS as a non-voting member.
5. Tom Merolli discussed the farm and animal tax, a tax which brings in a low amount of revenue. The board is interested in looking into abolishing it.
6. Restaurant Week is still on for the first two weeks of June.
7. Tom Merolli adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM

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