



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, November 19, 2018

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM by Tom Merolli

1. Introduction of Seth Shufro. Seth, a Milford resident, has a background in business development and economics, and has interest in joining the Committee. EDC will recommend Seth be appointed as a non-voting member.
2. Discussion of EDC Conference – Tom attended a conference for Economic Development Committees from towns in Central Massachusetts.
 - a. Common theme was EDCs were relatively new committees and they were trying to establish their role within the town. Many agree they should be lobbyists to the Board of Selectman
 - b. There was interest in attracting studios to film in their towns
 - c. Marijuana was another topic discussed
3. Discussion of the marijuana articles on the town warrant
 - a. Why were there 4 articles on the warrant
 - b. Tom and Seth were attending the public hearing after the EDC meeting
4. Open for Business Breakfast Themes – It was suggested that the Open for Business breakfasts should have focused areas.
 - a. Historical preservation
 - b. Grant writing
 - c. Business open house – an opportunity for businesses to set up and people/consumers in the town can meet them

5. Discussion of the Radical Solutions Energy Procurement Program
 - a. Radical Solution is an energy brokerage asking if the Mendon EDC interested in supporting a program where Radical Solution consults with local business on their energy usage and costs
 - b. Supported by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - c. Tom to reach out to see if we can get more information or have someone attend the next EDC meeting
6. Ideas for attracting more members to the EDC?
7. Next meeting Wednesday December 12th, @ 6:30PM