

**Town of Boscawen
Economic Development
Municipal Building
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

Present: Mason Donovan – Chair; Barbara Randall–Vice Chair; Adele Sanborn; John Porter; Lorrie Carey –Ex-Officio; Mike Tardiff, Executive Director - Central NH Regional Planning Commission

Excused: Caroletta Alicea

Staff Present: Kellee Jo Easler – Planning & Community Development Director; Kearsten O'Brien – Planning & Community Development Assistant

Chair Donovan opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Sanborn motioned to accept the minutes, Vice Chair Randall asked to amend line 35 to include the last name Harrington, Ms. Carey seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

Executive Director Tardiff discussed 79-E and how it gives incentives to those who choose to make an investment in designated districts in Town. A new aspect to the RSA 79-E is that it will allow new housing for mixed uses, such as apartments with retail, to get this incentive. Executive Director Tardiff recommended a workshop or two including the Select Board to learn and make decisions.

Chair Donovan made a motion to allow Executive Director Tardiff to approach the Select Board regarding adopting the RSA 79-E. Vice-Chair Randall seconded. All in favor. None Opposed.

Chair Donovan commented on the transportation tax and he believes residents will be more welcoming to this tax because it applies to all residents, including renters. This money can be used towards public works projects such as paving etc. Discussion ensued about the use of these funds towards various Town projects.

Chair Donovan introduced the commercial property inventory idea, which would be to create a spreadsheet of all the commercial properties in Town. This would highlight what the business is, who the property owner is, is it a rental property etc. This would enable the Town to recognize what commercial properties we have and what they contribute in taxes. Assistant O'Brien stated that this can also enable businesses to let the Town know if they are hiring, and make possible connections to residents looking for employment opportunities.

Assistant O'Brien shared her idea for a Boscawen Business Appreciation Day which would include all businesses in town who want to participate in showcasing their business. This could include food vendors etc. and take place in the park. Chair Donovan requested that conference

space available at both The Winthrop Carter House and Avaloch be advertised on the Town website with their allotted capacity.

Chair Donovan stated that he is doing more research for solar panels at the transfer station. A discussion about the mechanics of this ensued. Assistant O'Brien stated that the Select Board agreed to have community power go to Town Meeting to present the idea of Community Power to the residents.

Vice-Chair Randall motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Sanborn seconded. All in favor. None opposed

Next meeting will be held on November 1, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Crystal Tuttle.