

Economic Development Committee Minutes  
Town Manager's Office  
February 22, 2018  
3:00pm

Attendance:

Committee Councilors

Cody McEwen (Chair)

Mike Madore

Gilda Stratton

Councilors

Steve Golieb

Administration

John Davis (Town Manager)

Meeting called to order by Chair McEwen at 3:00pm.

Below is a synopsis of the overall discussion on the results of the Town of Millinocket Annual Survey.

To whom it may concern,

The committee findings on the survey were predictable in some cases while educational in other areas in learning of the public's perspective on various elements surrounding economic development. Since the survey's release, areas in which improvements to the town have been already implemented were noted from requests present in the survey such as but not limited to ongoing developments with our partner in economic development — Our Katahdin — and ongoing discussions on how to maintain and improve several town departments and assets within the government body itself.

There are several concerns present in the survey which the council and administrative arm of our office and departments are aware of such as improvements/adjustments to our police, fire and ambulance services as well as the library, views on our school system and the future of education and youth in the region, infrastructure assessment and development, and aesthetic qualities of our main corridors including downtown.

There are several goals set from the committee including but not limited to lowering the mil rate while still improving the town's assets, investigating and improving the revolving loan fund for small business facade and capital improvements, and using aspects from the report such as statistics and personal testimony in updating the Town of Millinocket Comprehensive Plan which has not been updated in a number of years. Updating our comprehensive plan will take about a year respectively while utilizing the assistance of both committees, departments, and organizations within the constraints of Millinocket and outside perspective and assistance from professional organizations with experience in plan revision and updating. This alone can allow the town to apply for grant funding to drastically help in community improvements.

The survey process has been deemed a success. Revision and further implementation of the next survey will be conducted starting in September 2018.

Economic Development Committee

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.