

Minutes  
Economic Development Committee  
Town Manager's Office  
September 13, 2018  
3:00pm

Attendance

Councilors:

Cody McEwen (Chair)

Mike Madore

Gilda Stratton

Louis Pelletier

John Davis (Town Manager)

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

Discussion on the Town of Millinocket Annual Survey:

Discussion was opened by a review of suggested questions submitted by entries from the 2017 survey. Several suggestions were presented from previous responses as well as by some councilors. Some questions involving economic development, the national monument, and sense of place attachment/dependence were added to the list of possible questions. It was decided that there would be a final workshop for individuals to suggest questions for the next survey October 4th at 4:30pm in council chambers.

Discussion on grants:

Discussion was opened by review of the MaineDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Funding application. During the previous economic development committee meeting, there was extensive discussion on starting a grant search process for the Town of Millinocket. A main focus from that meeting was improving the main street corridor; more importantly the deteriorating sidewalks. One of the designation criteria for this grant, sidewalk improvements, constitutes its focus by the committee. The committee also plans on utilizing other grants such as those present in the 2018 Program Statement from the State of Maine Office of Community Development - Community Development Block Grant Program to aid in the process.

The committee plans to create a focus group of town departments and community stakeholders who have background in grants tailored to this kind of improvement at a later time.

The next meeting for the economic development committee is scheduled for October 4th at 4:30pm in council chambers. **Note:** This meeting is set up as a workshop for individuals interested in suggesting questions for this years version of the Town of Millinocket Annual Survey. A more formal meeting for other items currently in discussion will be set for a later date.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm