

Minutes  
Economic Development Committee  
Town Managers Office  
May 22, 2019  
3:00pm

Attendance:

Committee

Cody McEwen (Chair), Mike Madore, Gilda Stratton, John Davis (Town Manager),  
Jessica Masse

Councilors

Steve Golieb, Louis Pelletier

Public

Rick Angotti (Code Enforcement Officer)

Meeting called to order by Chair McEwen at 3:05pm.

- I. Review of prior meeting minutes.
- II. Northern Border Regional Commission Grant status and further progress.

Chair McEwen presented the committee with an updated draft of a 'Millinocket Community Revitalization plan presented through a community stakeholder group coordinated by representatives of the Norther Forest Center.

A portion of this redevelopment plan includes Downtown Infrastructure Improvements which would directly relate to the creation of a Downtown Improvement Plan.

Rick Angotti presented his sidewalk improvement snapshot with rough financial estimates. Rick needs more information to accurately define what project costs would be. Various points of discussion such as how and where type(s) of sidewalk infrastructure could be fixed/resurfaced/extended, what improvements such as benches, lighting improvements, and a public bathroom could be incorporated as in previous discussions. It was also discussed that keeping or improving ADA compliance is very important.

Chair McEwen expressed that if the committee wants to continue to go forward in this process we would need to create a tangible document of the improvement(s) we want to make in the downtown corridor to present in grant applications or loan applications.

- III. Discussion and review of preliminary ideas to work on creating a Downtown Improvement Plan (DIP).

Chair McEwen presented the committee with a completed Downtown Bozeman Improvement Plan that was finalized on March 1, 2019. A Millinocket version would be much less robust than the plan presented as it is intended for a city. The structure of the document would be similar in fashion.

Documents relating to wayfinding/signage were introduced to the committee. There is demand for municipal/regional signage that would help direct visitors in town and to key spots in the region. This need has been presented in various local and regional planning sessions such as derived from the Katahdin Gazetteer.

The way finding program presented is similar to the improvements Greenville has made. Greenville would be a good contact point through this process.

IV. Update on Comprehensive Plan - EMDC.

Chair McEwen briefed the committee on the status of the comprehensive plan with EMDC. Delays have caused the project to take longer than initially determined, but Phase II has been received by EMDC and is ready to begin editing by the council and community. After presenting edits, Chair McEwen asked of the committee to look through the documents and provide edits to him before the next committee meeting.

V. Committee walk of Main Street to identify additional issues and begin the DIP process. - Cancelled due to weather.

No date was set for the next committee meeting.

Adjourned at 4:02pm