

Minutes  
Economic Development Committee  
Via Zoom  
March 3rd, 2021  
5:00pm

Present: Cody McEwen (Chair), Randy Jackson, Matthew Bragdon, Richard Angotti, Michael Madore, Brittany Grutter.

- I. Review of prior meeting minutes - January 21st, 2021
- II. Regional Comprehensive Plan and Gazetteer - Completed
- III. Millinocket Annual Survey
  - A. Question review
    - Everyone sends a short list to Cody by next wednesday so we can trim down questions for the next round.
- IV. Downtown Revitalization
  - A. Community Development Block Grant - current status.
    - Need to draft RFP and send it to TerryAnn for approval by mid-April.
    - Some funding may be left over for charging stations. Check with TerryAnn to see if we can add to project costs if available and work into plans.
    - Bosch is an example of a charging station besides Tesla. Estimate cost to install a unit is \$2,700 - 2,800
    - Changing to this brand has benefits for being more universal to other brands other than just Tesla. Tesla chargers are specific to that model only.
    - Still waiting on feedback from Tesla on their charging stations.
  - B. Wayfinding - current status.
    - Brittany is checking in with several potential funders and reports on several action items:
    - Reaching out to other towns for regional projects.
    - Reached out to traffic engineer recommended by Larry
    - Mackenzie Grant - waiting on response.
    - Need public works involvement when paid for for implementation. Separate from Maine DOT. But I need to follow their guidelines.
    - Designlab recommended different fabricators, reaching out estimates.

Cody - Will follow up with State for potential Block Grant options, Downtown Revitalization and Infrastructure funds are not available for this year's funding.

Randy -Cost estimates for the signs: KAT meeting looking at signage as well -

suggested builder in Scarborough, Welch signs.

C. DEP Brownfields Assessment Grant - current status.

-Waiting on response to the grant award.

V. Broadband

A. Updates

-Broadband Utility - Lucy: The tri-town RFP for construction and network operator closes next Monday March 8th. We are expecting bids from 7 firms. The Broadband Utility is meeting this week to discuss evaluation criteria and the review process.

-We should have more information about cost to build, public-private partnerships, and service area coverage maps within the next month or so, based on the responses to the RFPs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.