

**MONTAGUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
TOWN HALL
1 AVENUE A
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 4:00PM

Montague Town Hall-One Avenue A Turners Falls, MA 01376
Upstairs Conference Room

Members Present: James Mussoni, John Furbish. Ella Ingraham, Linda Ackerman
Absent: Richard Ruth

James Mussoni (Vice Chair) served as chairman in the absence of Richard Ruth.

Approval of Minutes: *MOTION by EI to approve the minutes of 7/28/2021. Seconded by John Furbish. Motion Passed unanimously.*

Presentation of Draft 2021 MEDIC Economic Development Plan by Town Planner/MEDIC Coordinator.

Town Planner/ MEDIC Coordinator presented a PowerPoint overview of the plan (attached as exhibit A). Plan is compulsory. Needs to be updated every 5 years so the EDIC can perform its statutory functions. Planner described the elements of the plan as well as the 4 Planning areas: Airport Industrial Park, Sandy Lane Area, Canal District, Great Falls Discovery Center Area.

All commissioners expressed support for the plan as presented and feel that it is ready for public hearing.

Next step is to schedule a required public hearing with the Planning Board. Walter will schedule that for 11/23/2021. There will also be a 30 day public input period ending 12/23/2021. EDIC members are encouraged to attend. The finalized plan should be ready for EDIC approval at January meeting.

MEDIC Coordinator Report

- Project Status Updates: including but not limited to recently sold parcels, 38 Avenue A, Canal District, Downtown Rapid Recovery Plan
 - MEDIC directed Planner to correspond with 38 Avenue A developer Sohial Waien to discern his intentions and schedule and invite him to the next meeting.
 - Planner gave an overview of the Rapid Recovery Plan including the proposed Coal Silo Lighting project.
- Recruitment of new MEDIC officers

The Town of Montague is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

- Planner is in communication with two potential recruits who we hopes can come onboard in the coming months. Now is a good time to get some new people involved. James Mussoni is also reaching out to a potential recruits.
- Topics not anticipated within 48 hour posting requirement
 - None

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM