

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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday November 2, 2023 at 4:00PM

IN PERSON MEETING

Town Hall Annex Meeting Room (ground floor)
One Avenue A Turners Falls, MA

Present: Kimbely Williams, John Furbish, Linda Ackerman, Ella Ingraham, Richard Ruth, Rob Steinberg

Absent: James Mussoni

Staff: Walter Ramsey

Meeting opened 4:00 PM Richard Ruth presiding.

Minutes. No minutes were approved

Overview of current Economic Development Plan and statutorily defined roles of an EDIC- WR provided an informational overview of the May 2023 Plan

Northern Tier Passenger Rail Study- consider providing comments to MassDOT-

The EDIC reviewed the slides from MassDOT study Working Group Meeting #3 on 10/19/2023. The EDIC was generally supportive of the economic benefit that passenger rail would bring to Franklin County and Montague. The Selectboard is also expected to consider a statement of support.

MOTION by RR to support advancing the Norther Tier Rail Project with a preference for full local service to Franklin County. Seconded by LA. Motion Passed unanimously.

Strathmore/Canal District- Consider support for FY23 Brownfields Grant Application to demolish Strathmore Mill.

Meeting adjourned 4:50PM