

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes December 6, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public meeting of the Town of Bolton Planning Board was conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public were permitted, but the public can access this meeting while in progress using Zoom Video Communications, Inc. (Zoom). Members of the public attending this meeting virtually were allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by telephone, cell phone or personal computer using Zoom.

Directions to connect to the public meeting were provided on the agenda.

In attendance: Erik Neyland (Chair), Sean Serell (Vice Chair), Amy Balewicz, Larry Cedrone, Sean Woods

Absent: Alan Santos

Town Staff: Valerie Oorthuys

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Erik Neyland.

Approval of meeting minutes was tabled for the next meeting as the November meeting minutes were not prepared in time.

Bolton Robotics:

Bolton Robotics Team joined to present their plan for helping people shop locally. They surveyed the town, as well as some local businesses, and created a website called Bolton Buy Local

EDC agreed that this would be a useful website to link into our destination Bolton site. The site is currently blocked by the school's firewall, so will need to be replicated before it can be handed off to the EDC for use and maintenance going forward.

The team stated they will only be able to continue maintaining the webpage through the end of their current season.

Wreaths:

30 wreaths and bows have been ordered and are at Bolton Orchards.

In the past, the EDC has put the wreaths together and then handed them off to the DPW who puts them up in town. Valerie will connect with DPW to make sure they are aware this will be happening soon.

Plan is to get together on Saturday morning (12/11) to put the wreaths together

711 Main St:

Discussion around the two properties that recently sold next to the Town Common. Unclear at this point whether the intent is for residential or business, but the EDC would work with the new owner to help them if their intent is to open a business there. Not currently a business district, so that may be an obstacle. Further research is needed.

- Town has received a Grant to analyze our current business district
- Talked about maintaining a list of vacancies in town on our webpage. Need to do some homework to see how other towns do it.

Upcoming Meeting schedule

1/3/21

2/7/21

3/7/21

4/4/21

Amy Balewicz Motioned to Adjourn at 7:56 PM, seconded by Sean Serrell, all in favor.