



Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Town Manager's Conference Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468

In Person and/or Via Zoom

Members Present: Chris Taylor, Town Manager; Lou Mossey, Community Member (remote); Anthony Micklus, Clerk/Business Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Robert Lombard, Community Member

Members Absent: Seth Duchesneau, Business Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools

Staff Present: Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Cassandra LaFayette, Town Planner

Others Present: Brandy "b" Companion, Tiny b's Café; Betsy Paret; Irene Wrenner, Essex EDC Chair

I. Call to Order

C. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. Attendance

The attendance sign-in sheet was distributed.

III. Agenda Review

The agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes requested.

IV. Public Forum

B. Paret shared updates from the "Milton/Georgia Small Business Meeting of the Minds," a local networking group. She highlighted a special business night at the Farmers Market on July 14 and a new "Explore Milton" map currently in development in partnership with a volunteer graphic artist.

B. Companion of b's Tiny Café discussed efforts to build community among local businesses and noted that she has applied for a position on the EDC.

I. Wrenner suggested the Town find ways to encourage political candidates to spend their campaign funds locally to support the Milton and Vermont economies.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from EDC Meeting on 05.27.2026

Motion made by R. Lombard to approve the Minutes of 05.27.2026, with a second by L. Ruhl. Motion approved 4-0. A. Micklus abstained as he was absent from the May meeting.

VI. Discussion about Reorganization (Scheduled for July Meeting)

C. Taylor announced that the July meeting will be the first of the new fiscal year and will serve as a reorganization meeting.

- Elections: The Commission will elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk. Taylor noted that the Town Manager does not necessarily need to serve as Chair, suggesting a community-led Commission could offer benefits.

- Meeting Schedule: The Commission will vote on the frequency (i.e. monthly, quarterly, etc.) and timing of regular meetings.
- Membership: M. Joseph is not seeking reappointment. There are currently up to two community member vacancies and up to four business member vacancies. Appointments are tentatively scheduled for the July 6th Selectboard meeting.

VII. Staff Updates

A. Planning / Zoning Update – Cassandra LaFayette, Town Planner

- O'Brien Brothers (Parkside): Following a pre-construction meeting, work on the 85-unit development (with 22 duplexes, 44 single-family) is set to begin the week of July 20th.
- Checkerberry: Excavation for a new commercial/industrial building is nearing completion.
- Summary of upcoming applications for review by the Development Review Board:
 - 0 East Rd: Preliminary 24-unit development to be presented.
 - 120 Catamount: Site plan approval requested for a commercial addition.

B. Recreation Update – Chris Taylor, Town Manager, in place of Hannah Luman, Recreation Director, who could not attend

- July 4th: The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and will feature a marching band and a flyover at 11:10 a.m. Festivities at Bombardier Park begin at 5:00 p.m. with an Army National Guard band and food vendors, followed by fireworks around 9:15 p.m.

C. Town Projects Update – Chris Taylor, Town Manager

- Hourglass Project: Railroad and Middle Roads will be paved before the July 4th parade. Following the holiday, construction will shift to Route 7 near McDonald's, which is expected to cause significant traffic delays throughout July.
- The RFP for the former North Country Saloon site is nearly complete and will be released within the week to attract interested developers.
- Rescue Department: The Town is seeking grants for conceptual drawings to modernize the rescue building for 24/7 staffing needs. A grassroots fundraising campaign is planned.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by A. Micklus to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m., with a second by L. Ruhl. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by C. Taylor.

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Minutes recorded and submitted by Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.

APPROVED
MINUTES:

Chris Taylor, Town Manager/Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Milton Town Clerk

Filed this day with the Milton
Town Clerk's Office.