



Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 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, Chair and Town Manager; Brandy Companion, Vice Chair and Business Member; Anthony Micklus, Clerk and Business Member; Lou Mossey, Community Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Seth Duchesneau, Business Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member; Peter Hatfield, Community Member

Members Absent: Robert Lombard, Community Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools

Staff Present: Brittany Tradup, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Cassandra LaFayette, Town Planner; Hannah Luman, Recreation Director; Kaitlyn Tice, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Irene Wrenner (remote); Betsy Paret; Mike McCormick

I. Call to Order

C. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 discussed hosting a job and business fair, revisiting a discussion from a previous meeting. Attendees suggested timing potential local events to avoid conflicts with similar events held at the University Mall, the Saint Albans arena, and in Plattsburgh.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from EDC Meeting on 06.24.2026

Motion made by S. Duchesneau to approve the Minutes of 06.24.2026, with a second by P. Hatfield. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Reorganization

A. Election of a Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk

Motion made by L. Mossey to nominate C. Taylor as Chair of the EDC, with a second by B. Companion. There were no other nominations. C. Taylor was elected Chair unanimously.

Motion made by T. Micklus to nominate B. Companion as Vice Chair of the EDC, with a second by R. DeSouza. There were no other nominations. B. Companion was elected Vice Chair unanimously.

Motion made by R. DeSouza to nominate T. Micklus as Clerk of the EDC, with a second by S. Duchesneau. There are no other nominations. T. Micklus was elected Clerk unanimously.

B. Set the Day, Time, Place and Duration of EDC Meetings

The Commission discussed meeting times, noting that Wednesdays can be difficult for some members during the school year. It was decided to maintain the current schedule for the time being, with the flexibility to reevaluate if needed.

Motion made by P. Hatfield to continue meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m., with a second by S. Duchesneau. Motion approved unanimously.

The Commission discussed monthly versus bi-monthly meetings.

Motion made by T. Micklus to continue meeting monthly, with a second by S. Duchesneau. Motion approved unanimously.

Meetings will continue in the Town Manager's Conference Room, though C. Taylor suggested potential future rearrangements to facilitate a more conversational environment.

VII. Staff Updates

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

Phase 1 of the Parkside Development is currently under construction. There was discussion about inviting developers to future meetings for brief overviews of their projects and how they contribute to the Town's economic development. The Commission emphasized being proactive and business-friendly, encouraging the Commission to help identify and mitigate barriers to development.

B. Recreation Update – Hannah Luman, Recreation and Parks Director

A grand opening for the perimeter path and story walk is scheduled for August 11th at 5:30 p.m.

The Recreation Commission is updating its master plan and encourages public participation in the current survey.

The Fall Program Guide launches on August 14th, featuring new sponsorship opportunities for local businesses.

C. Town Projects Update – Chris Taylor, Town Manager

A significant water shutoff in the center of town was successfully completed overnight last week.

Paving work on Sanderson Road is nearly finished; paving will transition to Main Street next, potentially followed by Kingswood Drive, if funding remains.

Discussions continue regarding a multi-generational recreation facility and necessary renovations/expansions for the Rescue Department. A grassroots donation campaign for the

Rescue building is being developed.

The Hourglass project is on schedule for a July 2027 completion, significant work on Route 7 remains for the upcoming construction season. The RFP for the Town-owned portion of the Hourglass is still in the works.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by P. Hatfield to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m., with a second by R. DeSouza. 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.