

VERMONT ECONOMIC PROGRESS COUNCIL

February 26, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Milton Town Offices

Milton, VT

Members Present: Betsy Gentile, Mark Young, Mary Lintermann, Karen Marshall, Chris Keyser, Carl Rosenquist, Rachel Smith, Stephan Morse, Nancy Port

Attending By Phone: None

Members absent: None

Staff: Fred Kenney, Jayna Jones

Others Present: Mathew Barewicz, EPRI; Tim Smith, FCIDC; Brent Lehoullier, Maple Mountain Woodworks; Don Turner, Milton developer; Carrie Violette, Town of Milton Economic development Director; Sanford Miller, Town of Milton Manager; Don Johnson, Milton Town School District; Nathan Lamb, Milton Independent Reporter; Roger Dickinson, Lamoureux & Dickenson; Charlie Baker, CCRPC; Curt Carter, GBIC

8:30 am

Council toured the Town of Milton and proposed Town of Milton Town Core TIF District with Carrie Violette and Sanford Miller.

10:07 a.m.

Karen Marshall called the meeting to order and asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

The Council discussed the impacts of the new online application system and discussed the possibility of receiving hard copies of several pertinent documents. Fred and Jayna will look into options and determine the best way to distribute application information to the Council.

Minutes of January 22 meeting will be reviewed at March's meeting.

Fred provided a legislative update to the Council and discussed the fee bill.

10:38 a.m.

Rachel Smith made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss new VEGI applications citing Title 1, section 313, and subsection 6. Mary Lintermann seconded and the motion carried 7-0-0.

11:48 a.m. Betsy Gentile made a motion to exit from executive session. Mary Lintermann seconded and the motion carried 7-0-0.

11:49 a.m.

Maple Mountain Woodworks, Initial, Richford

Carl Rosenquist made a motion to approve an Initial Application from Maple Mountain Woodworks authorizing up to \$148,212 in incentives with an estimated amount of \$128,451 based on application information. Authorization is contingent upon receiving a Business Plan with the company's Final Application and approval of a Final Application. Nancy Port seconded and the motion carried 8-1-0.

11:52 a.m.

General Abrasives, EATI Performance Expectation Review

Mary Lintermann made a motion to recommend to the Commissioner of Taxes that the credits earned in 2007 be disallowed in full and that no credits be allowed to be applied in 2007. Credits in carry-forward should be allowed to remain in carry-forward until a review of employment and payroll for tax year 2008. Mark Young seconded, and the motion carried 9-0-0.

11:53 a.m.

Nancy Port made a motion to exit the regular VEPC meeting. Stephan Morse seconded, and the motion carried 8-0-0.

12:30 p.m.

Council re-convened for Milton Core TIF Public Comment and Council deliberation.

Karen Marshall invited anyone present to provide public comment on the Milton Town Core TIF District. The following individuals provided comment:

- Don Turner, State Representative, Town of Milton and developer, Cameron's Run housing
- Roger Dickinson, Lamoureaux & Dickenson, representing Pomerleau Real Estate (written testimony attached)
- Charlie Baker, Director, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

- Don Johnson, Business Manager, Milton Town School District

Subsequent written comments were received from (attached):

- Karen Brock Rouse
- Darcy Miller

Council reviewed an ARC GIS presentation by staff that included mapping of all infrastructure and proposed development in the TIF.

Council proceeded to review the Milton TIF application.

3:19 p.m.

Mark Young made a motion to adjourn. Mary Lintermann seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes taken by Jayna Jones: 2/26/2009

Revised by Fred Kenney: 3/19/2009

Approved by the Board: 3/26/2009