

Essex Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 1th, 2024 8:00AM

81 Main Street, Essex VT

Draft Minutes Submitted by Clerk John Bourbon, August 5 2024

Attendees

Commission Members:

Present: Ken Signorello, John Bourbon Clerk, Jean Sullivan, Rebecca Robinson, Chair,
Nick Fukuda

Remote: Sam Anderson, Irene Wrenner, Melissa Stewart

Public: Patty Davis

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Robinson at 8:02 A

Updates to the Agenda: Ken proposed adding stakeholder meeting, passed unanimously

- Ken proposed changes to July 18 minutes. Passed unanimously

Public To Be Heard: Patty Davis. Wants her neighborhood to stay non business with no truck route on lower Sand Hill Rd.

- Sam Anderson, GBIC, discussed transportation goals of the Chit Co Regional Planning Commission
- Discussed remote work company Quartz I P

Staff Update

- Jean asked about office space for companies?
- Rebbeca discussed water line project
- Ken asked if there were any update on the \$40 million federal money for flood relief?
Business or residential?

Business Items -

Rebecca - Are we aligned on the Economic RFP?

Jean clarified the process for issuing RFP

Ken was concerned we won't be able to control the direction of the grant

Nick moved that we approve introductory paragraph in the RFP

- 4 yes votes, 1 no vote (Ken)
- Much discussion as to format of RFP
- Ken prefers we employ a Vt based firm

Motion to adjourn the meeting, passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:32

Next Business Outreach meeting 8-15-24.