

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on May 10 2022

(This meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 5/10/22
5. Public Input
6. DCEDC update
7. Attainable Housing
 - a. DC Housing Partnership
 - b. Confirm option(s) for selected location
 - c. Grant assistance options
 - d. Determine project cost(s)
8. Broadband Update
9. Correspondence
10. Future meeting
11. Adjourn

Chair John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members David Studebaker, Andrew Gantman, and Chuck Scheckel were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Doug Curzon and 4 members of the public. Committee member Alan Kroll was absent.

Lowry moved, Studebaker second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4-0.

Gantman moved, Studebaker second to approve the 4/10/2022 minutes as amended. Carried 4-0.

Public – None.

DCEDC Update – Michelle Lawrie, director, reported that DCEDC would need more information on the Town's expectations of the Val-A property before zoning can be reviewed.

Attainable Housing – Hugh Mulliken, Marshall Point Bay Road, noted that a location close to current populations may decrease the number of vehicles needed and HL10 requires municipal sewer. Mariah Goode, DCHP, reiterated that the focus is affordable home ownership opportunities, they own and control the land and a resale formula is applied for equity when the house is sold. The current projects have been single-family with a \$100,000 subsidy. Mariah Goode, DC Land Use, noted conservation subdivision would require open space which could hold the well, septic, and stormwater systems. The 25.3 acres would allow 5 homes under HL10, 8 homes if HL5, and 12 homes if HL3.5. Sprinkler systems for multifamily units, except townhomes, require a significant water. It was the consensus to invite a developer or engineer to identify what is currently possible or determine what needs to be done to create an opportunity. Kalms was asked to contact Tim Halbrook and Pete Hearth for the next meeting.

Broadband – Studebaker reported that the Northport PILOT project should be done this summer, the Town is waiting for an ISP agreement, and the Engineering Design Study responses were both approximately \$500,000. Federal money is likely to be available, but the amount and rules have not been determined.

Correspondence – None.

The next meeting will be July 12, 2022, at 6:15 pm.

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 7/12/2022 Economic Development Committee meeting.