

## Mendon Economic Development Committee

February 20, 2018 5:30pm at Mendon Town Office.

In attendance- Richard Wilcox, Cort Jones, Fred Bagley, Mark Latzky, Brittany Charles and Julia Purdy

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The minutes from the last meeting, of January 16, 2018 were reviewed, and a motion was made to accept as written by R Wilcox and seconded by C Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

The next agenda item was discussion of possible tax stabilization for the town of Mendon, using the Brandon plan as a template. Discussion included- Why do it? How does it work? What might the effects be on existing business not getting TS? Can it apply to residential improvements? Could VLCT add some background information? What might be the administrative costs to a TS program? Will (or would) this be included in the upcoming town plan?

The committee was in agreement that the concept of tax stabilization is definitely worth pursuing, and would like to invite Brandon's head of economic development to the next meeting for follow up.

The draft business survey form was reviewed. It was suggested by C Jones that question 7 include any perceived weaknesses in Mendon, as well as the strengths. It was agreed that a list of current Mendon businesses be drawn up for the next meeting, and that personal delivery of the survey to those businesses by committee members would yield the greatest returns.

F Bagley and C Jones also discussed possible US forest service relocation to the Rt 4 area of Mendon, and urged the town to consider follow up.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted, subject to committee review

Richard Wilcox