

March 18, 2026

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday March 18, 2026, at 9:00 am the Economic Development Committee held an in-person and Zoom Meeting, livestreamed to YouTube.

Present:

Mayor LaValley
Councillor Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Joan Kuiack
Councillor Shawn Pigeon, Chair
Jim Hollett
Barney Baker – SABA Representative
Councillor Laurie Sydock - Zoom
Councillor Bill Rodnick - Zoom
Kimberly Gorman- Zoom

Staff Present:

Bryan Martin CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Tracy Cannon, Deputy CAO, Deputy Clerk-Planner
Stephanie Russell, Community Development Intern

1.OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Councillor Pigeon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2.ROLL CALL:

3.LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4.ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

5.ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Florent
To adopt the agenda as circulated.

Seconded by: Mayor LaValley

6.DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST or a General Nature Thereof: None

7.PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS: None

8.UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ParkBus Tour Update
 - Councillor Pigeon meets with the team in charge of this tomorrow and will bring an update back to the next meeting.
 - There is a meeting being held with SABA at the Senior's Center on Thursday, March 19th around housing/transportation. The Township was not formally invited.

- **Update – Key Goals**
 - Brochure/Advertising
 - Draft Brochure, QR code, Advertising with Raven
 - Staff will subscribe to an annual QR code.
 - Staff will standardize the font on the brochure to ensure legibility.
 - Staff will change the Motto to “Play, live, work, grow here”
 - Staff will add the Logo to a sign to match the signs around the Township
 - Staff will find costs to print brochure and vinyl QR code stickers to distribute for signs
 - Trails/Boat Launch
 - Staff Meeting with Jason Dwyer, Superintendent Algonquin Park RE: Trestle trail and update will be brought to next meeting.
 - Staff will mention that there is a seat to fill on our committee and see if Algonquin Park has a local staff that is interested in filling a seat, as it is part of our Tourism and Economic Development Master Plan.
- Housing Development
 - Mayor LaValley shared the press release from DNSSAB regarding Seed Funding for early-stage planning and technical work for 6 Galeairy Rd She emphasized that this does not guarantee building but it is a vital stage of finding out if we are able to or not.

9.NEW BUSINESS:

- South Algonquin Business Alliance Report -2025 Grant Funding
 - Barney expressed the conversation on the shuttle bus and said a lot of questions will be answered tomorrow.
- Changes to Committee Structure
 - Committee discussed a committee member that is no longer on the committee due to not residing in South Algonquin. Staff will do a media release, so the community is aware that there is an empty seat on the Committee. Interested citizens may contact Councillor Pigeon or Stephanie.
 - New Website Page
 - Staff will add a local business page to the website.

10.NEXT MEETING: April 15th, time to be determined at a later date.

11.ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Councillor Florent

Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack

To adjourn the Economic Development Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026, at 10:05am.

Councillor S. Pigeon

Bryan Martin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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