

Ashland Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Minutes

Call to Order: Peter Ott – Chairperson, called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Ott, Jennie Angell, Charles Bozzello, Bonnie Bethune, Sean Collins, Jana Flores-Jon. Benoit LaMontagne absent with notice.

Additional present were Alan Cilley, Paula Finigan, Greg Finigan

Old Business

Approval of Minutes from 3/19/2025. Motion by Peter Ott, Seconded by Jennie Angell, unanimously approved.

Syngas project – lengthy discussion regarding the presentation at the last meeting by Matt Mason of R.E.I.D. Industry Energy Environment. >reidinc.com< (See Minutes from March 19, 2025 Meeting. Discussed role of AEDC in this project.

Action Items: Obtain necessary maps for an overview of the projected project. Obtain presentation slides from Matt Mason. Investigate the FastOX Modular system. Consider approaches to providing education about the project and obtaining input from town members.

Review of Mill Pond walkthrough – discussion about potential fiscal impact and helping Planning Board if requested.

Beach action items. Need DES support for any plans for an NBRC grant. For continued support DES will require an engineering study (hydrology) of beach erosion impacts of possible changes and verification of land ownership.

Action Items: Confirm what is needed from DES; seek 3 quotes from engineering firms for this work.

1 Hill Street Mill. Roof needs to be fixed to stop leaking and further water damage.

Action items: Obtain quotes for roof repair. Consider grants to clean and revitalize (vs. private developer).

Adjournment: Peter Ott Adjourned meeting at 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted, Sean Collins