

**Upper Mt. Bethel Economic Development
Committee Monthly Meeting
Minutes
February 24, 2023**

Attendees: Scott Cole
Anthony DeFranco
Bill Hall
Ray Higgins
Augie Percoco

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was made and seconded.

The first order of business was the 2023 re-organization of the EDC and to elect new officers. Scott Cole turned the Chair to Ray Higgins and a nomination was made to appoint Scott Cole as Chairman for another year. The motion was seconded and approved by all members. A motion was made to appoint Anthony DeFranco as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded and approved by all members. A motion was made to appoint Augie Percoco as Secretary. The motion was seconded and approved by all members.

Members reviewed feedback of the January, 2023 Local Business Owners meeting to determine if the meeting were a good forum to encourage communication between the township and the business owners. Overall, the reaction was these meetings were well received and the interaction was of value in helping to develop plans as we move forward.

The rest of the meeting focused on identifying what goals the committee should focus on in 2023. It was agreed that development of a Upper Mt. Bethel Township Business Directory would be of value not only to residents but also to help companies seeking to move to the area to know what local resources are available and to promote using these resources if possible.

We also agreed that better communication with the community is essential. One of our goals will be to identify what the best method of communication would be to enlighten residents of the plans for future development. A quarterly newsletter, and the development of an upgraded website were identified as possibilities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.