

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Town Hall
April 16, 2009 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: meeting began at 7:29 PM. Present: Theodore MacKenzie, Angus McDonald, Thomas Perry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: on MOTION made by T. Mackenzie, seconded by T. Perry, to approve March 2009 Minutes. Motion CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS: discussion concerning change of land use at lace factory site – proposal to be developed as banquet/catering business. Consideration to develop letter to be sent to P&Z and Selectmen indicating support of developing a business at this site, to be sent to Board for approval prior to sending out. Concern with wording of letter to indicate desire to ensure proper current and future site use, that the property continues at a certain level of respectability and maintains heritage of historic residential and current recreational use of area, to ensure that site is maintained in this manner if proposed business sells, to approve idea of economic development of site as benefits the town. Realization that zoning regulations are limited to specific aspects of land use, not who owners are. Should be considered to be first project for architectural review board if such board is started. Would like to ensure that close attention to aesthetics of site are monitored and maintained.

Discussion to continue pursuit of town signs as currently bid.

Discussion information sign at Devitt's Field, consideration of electronic sign framed to make aesthetically pleasing, T. Mackenzie to bring sample of sign to next meeting. Concern with regulations of sign lighting. Discussion of need for sign at Plattwood Industrial park listing businesses.

On MOTION made by T. Perry, seconded by A. McDonald, to approve Ann Baldwin as PR person, to be sent to Selectmen for further authorization as needed. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Discussion of 'And the Good News' community newsletter, need to be forwarded to news outlets for further publishing.

NEXT MEETING to be held on May 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: on MOTION made by T. Perry, seconded by A. McDonald, to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Guerette, COA, Clerk