

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, June 12, 2012 7:00 PM  
Old Library, 5 Fairbank St., Harvard, MA

MINUTES

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Members Present: Rich Maiore, Chairman, Elaine Lazarus, Chris Ashley, Sandy Chapman

Present: Planning Board liaison, Tim Schmoyer

- **Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

- **New Business**

Mr. Maiore made a motion to nominate Ms. Lazarus Chairperson for the committee. Chris Ashley seconded nomination. Ms. Lazarus accepted. Mr. Maiore accepted position as Vice Chair, Secretary.

**ETA Designation**

Mr. Maiore indicated he would check again with Tim Bragan on the status of ETA legislation.

**Master Plan Steering Committee update**

Mr. Maiore provided an update on the MPSC. He indicated that the make-up of the committee may change in phase 2. Both Mr. Maiore and Mr. Chapman indicated a preference that MPSC not include any member of Board of Selectman due to tendency of BOS to dominate discussion and direction. Mr. Ashley expressed his agreement. Mr. Maiore indicated he would share the committee's concerns with Michelle Catalina and Rich Marcello of the Planning Board.

**Attracting Grocery Store to Ayer Road**

Mr. Maiore expressed his interest in creating an EDC published report on what is needed to bring a grocery store to town. The committee discussed that the white paper would need to cover all aspects of a grocery store's impact on Traffic, Sewer/Septic, Utilities, Fire/Police/DPW services, Conservation, and Viewshed. The goal of the report would be spell out clearly for residents the impact in each of these areas. The committee discussed the possibility of completing the report by October to allow enough time to share with Planning Board, BOS, ConCom, and other relevant boards and all residents, and enable the committee to identify what by-law changes are needed to enable a store to operate in the commercial district, to bring to Annual Town Meeting in Spring 2013.

Mr. Schmoyer's brief review of by-laws indicated applicable sections of the bylaw include sections: 125-12, 13J/P/Z, 14, 22 and 23A (4)/B (1). The committee discussed determining what the sq. ft. limitations for a store are. Mr. Schmoyer agreed to look into this.

The committee also discussed determining what services — if any — are available from MRPC to support. Mr. Schmoyer indicated he'd look into this.

Ms. Lazarus agreed to draft an initial outline and committee members can identify which sections they'd like to handle.

Adjourned: 8:35 PM

Submitted by: Rich Maiore

Approved: July 10, 2012