

## **Economic Development Committee**

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 7:00 PM  
Old Library, 5 Fairbank St., Harvard, MA

### MINUTES

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Members Present: Jim Stevens, Chairman, Sandy Chapman, Rich Maiore, Peter Warren, Chris Sintros

Others Present: Tim Schmoyer (Planning Board liaison)

#### **Agenda Items**

Debrief from June 14<sup>th</sup> forum

Discuss, review status of ongoing projects:

- a) Schematic designs of hypothetical commercial development
- b) Letter to land owners
- c) Discussion with Hannaford"

#### **June 14<sup>th</sup> Forum**

Mr. Chapman provided his feedback on the event. 48 folks attended about half from North Harvard, "home run" job by Jim Stevens and great presentation by Bill Scanlan. Good feedback from attendees and sense of consensus on need for design standards.

The Committee discussed at length the various topics raised during the forum.

Mr. Chapman outlined key take-aways from the forum.

Continue and expand our communication with citizens and businesses

Take their concerns to heart and address them ASAP...

Enforce the current zoning and rules and address obvious concerns

EDC to first communicate / speak with the business owner

Lou Russ on the dirt and dust

Bob Hirsch on the traffic barrier

All dumpster owners we can identify with clear views from Ayer Rd

Dunkin Donut litter issue

Meet with all owners that are not following the sign rules

If needed, EDC drafts enforcement letter for Building Inspector to send out

Commence initiative to reduce/restrict truck traffic from Old Shirley Rd and Poor Farm Rd

Review the four (4) ordinances that were suggested. Champion / be proactive on those if needed.

- Noise Ordinance
- Litter Ordinance
- Truck Restriction Ordinance where it makes sense
- Dark Light rules

Extent coverage and have businesses follow the rules and save money...

Hire summer student to run analysis...

The committee debated what exactly is EDC's role. Mr. Maiore doesn't believe EDC should be in the position of enforcement. The Committee agreed. Mr. Warren and Chapman believe EDC could be conduit for residents and businesses to raise complaints and issues and for EDC to potentially try to resolve. The example of the Jersey barriers was discussed. EDC got more traction through direct outreach to Mr. Hirsch than the PB did. The committee agreed to explore current noise, litter and light ordinances and determine what if anything could be done to better enforce them.

The Committee agreed that design standards are a priority item but would be under the purview of PB.

Mr. Schmoyer indicated he would communicate this to PBoard. Mr. Maiore expressed interest in being included in the discussions with Planning Board and others on establishing the proposed design standards.

### **Update on status items**

Mr. Stevens provided a brief update on some outstanding items. First, he is working with Mr. Schmoyer and Bill Scanlan to finalize the letter and questions sent to business owners as part of MRPC survey.

He has not learned anymore from Hannaford's. They indicated that they are exploring all options, that include a potential re-location but they did not share any further details.

Adjourned: 8:35 PM

Drafted by Rich Maiore, EDC member

### Documents used at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda