

Town of Harvard Economic Development Committee

Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:00 PM
Old Library, 7 Fairbank St., Harvard MA

MINUTES

Members Present: Rich Maiore, Chair, Duncan Chapman, Vice Chair, Elaine Lazarus, Peter Warren

1. Master Plan Update

Ms. Lazarus provided an update on the status of the master plan, noting that the process appears to be going forward slowly.

2. Design Committee Update

Mr. Maiore updated the Committee on the activities of the Design Committee. He noted that the Committee had discussed the feasibility of establishing a Design Review Committee and was working on design guidelines for the C District.

3. Committee Priorities

The Committee discussed ideas for its priorities over the next year. Mr. Maiore noted that he looked through the EDAT Report, and that some of the suggestions there should be priorities for the Committee. Ideas discussed by the Committee included looking more closely at assisted living facilities, medical offices, restaurants, and pedestrian connectivity.

The Committee, after discussion, decided on the following priorities:

1. Assisted living facility – begin by learning more about the use and request an opinion as to whether it is an allowed use in the C District;
2. Prompt and predictable permitting – learn about the current permitting process and discuss whether there are opportunities to make it more prompt and predictable;
3. Small mixed use plaza via the Ayer Road Village Special Permit process; potentially revising/updating ARSVP based on findings/recommendations from Phase 2 of Master Plan report out.
4. Discuss how to pursue medical offices and services.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Elaine Lazarus, EDC member

Documents used at the meeting:

Meeting agenda