

JBOS

Joint Boards of Selectmen

AYER, DEVENS, HARVARD AND SHIRLEY,

MINUTES

June 23, 2016

Ayer Town Hall

ATTENDEES:

G. Luca, Chairman...Ayer

T. Kinch.....Devens

A. von Loesecke.....Harvard

K Dumont.....Shirley

1. Call to order by Chairman G. Luca at 6:04 PM
2. No minutes available from previous JBOS meeting. Discussion moved to next meeting.
3. It was motioned by T. Kinch, and seconded by A. von Loesecke that K. Dumont be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the JBOS. No discussion took place and the nomination of K. Dumont as Vice Chair was voted for with immediate effect and unanimously.
4. Treasury update: No change in 2016 and currently standing at balance of \$24,072.50.
5. It was decided to refrain from the hiring of Administrative help for the JBOS at this time. The subject will be reviewed at future meetings.
6. MassDevelopment STM review:

Mr. Thatcher Kezer III, Sr. VP Devens, presented a timeframe for activities leading to a STM proposed for October 24, 2016. After a discussion by all, it was decided to have each participant review the timing of the proposed dates with each Board and report on agreements at the next JBOS meeting. In the interim, additional discussions would be conducted between T, Kezer and the Town Administrators on the best dates, considering scheduled activities, for proposed activities for further discussions with each Board. Mr. T. Kezer and Mr. E Starzec (MassD) reviewed that the wording of the warrant would be much the same as the previous warrant passed by Ayer and Shirley, but defeated by Harvard during the last STM. The primary difference being the proposed singular use of the proposed 'rezoned' land. Each participant received a hard copy of the proposed dates and activities for their use.

- E.Starzec reported that the Grant Rd project of Emerson Green is progressing well. Further:
- 13 P&S's have been issued.
 - Mail delivery should commence in mid-July.
 - Land for the Apartment complex should go up for sale by end of summer.

7. New Business:

T. Kinch reviewed that, through his attendance at a morning meeting on the same day as the JBOS meeting, he learned of interest on the part of many Towns 'west' of Devens in MassD activities at Devens. The referenced meeting was chaired by MRPC and organized to review the findings of a recent study by MRPC initiated by a request of the current Mayor of a local city and funded by a MA state grant. The proposal by T. Kinch was to consider if the JBOS could be used as the 'clearing house' for information concerning Devens activities that are of general interest to the interested Towns and Cities. After a short discussion, it was decided that the JBOS was not the best place for this kind of activity but that:

- A. An 'outreach' to Lancaster would take place by T. Kezer, through the new Town Administrator of Lancaster, to determine any interest in reactivating their interest in JBOS attendance and membership.
- B. T.Kezer will research the documentation covering the resignation of Lancaster from the JBOS and forward to T Kinch.
- C. MassD, through the efforts of T.Kezer, will continue their good work of Regional cooperation through contact and meetings with key Town personnel.

A Von Loesecke reported a recent decision by the HBOS to 'take the temperature' of the Harvard Community on the movement of jurisdiction from MassD to Harvard of the land that is part of the DREZ, but was previously part of the the Town of Harvard. This will take place through the use of a 'non-binding' ballot question, yet to be phrased, that would seek guidance from the Community on whether the HBOS should invest time and effort to commence the work necessary to request the assumption of jurisdiction over the property defined by the historical boundary of the Town of Harvard. The current thought is that this question will be posed during a general election that would take place sometime during the spring of 2017.

8. The next JBOS meeting will held on July 21, 2016

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.