

Medway Economic Development Committee
T.C. Scoops in the Medway Shopping Center
100 Main Street
November 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members: Andy Rodenhiser, Paul Yorkis, Ken Bancewicz, Hugh Mckinnon and Alyssa Parlee.

Board of Selectmen Trindade was present.

Member Rodenhiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Selectmen Report:

Selectmen Trindade explained that the Board of Selectmen is negotiation contract for redevelopment authority position. This person would serve as an interim economic development director. The contract for this person will be presented at the November 25, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Municipal Specialist:

The Town is also looking to hire Judy Barrett a municipal planning and economic development specialist. She has worked with a variety of other towns. She will be looking at various board and committees throughout town to see what the needs of these various boards are. Ms. Barrett will be having a joint meeting with the Design Review Committee and the Affordable Housing next Tuesday. Her references were very strong from the surrounding communities. She has a great track record for working with municipalities.

Traffic Light Trotter Drive:

Member Bancewicz again spoke about the need for a traffic light at Trotter Drive.

Selectmen Trindade also concurred that it is impossible to take a left turn out of there between 3:00 – 5:00. He understands why people take West St to cut through. Selectmen Trindade did mention this concern to Selectmen Crowley and

Foresto. This needs to be an inquiry if there may be State funding for this. He totally supports this movement.

Selectmen Trindade indicated that years ago the town did look at working with the State about putting a traffic light at that location. The issue with the light is money. He remembers the cost being \$400,000.

Member Bancewicz has a blue print and will provide it to Susy to forward to the various representatives. This is a good design and provides for double traffic.

Member Rodehinsler will keep this on as an agenda item. He also suggested taking the drawing and provide it to Consultant Hall from Tetra Tech to possible look at the traffic counts.

Member Bancewicz noted that there was a traffic count completed not that long ago.

Selectmen Trindade responded that the sooner we can get the traffic number, the better it will be to find the money and bring this to the spring town meeting. The free cash number was very high and this would allow for more money to be placed into stabilization while looking for funding means for the light.

Selectmen Trindade left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Minutes:

The minutes from September 11, 2013 and August 15, 2013 will be tabled until the next meeting.

Cumberland Farms:

The EDC was made aware that the public hearing for Cumberland Farms was recently closed. The Planning Board has begun deliberating to draft the decision. The deadline for the decision filing is December 31, 2013.

There was a question if there was support for the project.

Member Rodenhiser responded that there was support of the project. Most which opposed were the abutters. This project is an allowed use and we really cannot deny it. The decision will be written based on the evidence which was presented.

The EDC wanted to send a letter of support but we did not have a quorum so there was not follow through with a letter.

Prospects for new members:

The EDC is looking for prospective new members. Member Bancewicz went to a recent business council meeting and spoke with someone who may be interested in serving on EDC. His name was provided to Susy. Andy indicated that Susy did call him and is setting up a time to meet with him.

Motorcycle business:

The Committee next discussed a motorcycle business which is operating in Town. This business has the potential for growth. Ken did stop by the business to ask if there was anything the EDC Committee could do to assist him. There were some issues with use and zoning which may need to be worked out.

The Committee would make an inquiry and see if we could provide mitigation.

Ken will stop in and report back to the Board.

Andy asked if he should speak with the Zoning Enforcement Agent.

Ken would rather this stay as an inquiry at this point.

146 Main St:

The building at 146 Main Street has been restored and there will be businesses moving in. The whole building is being purchased. There has been discussion about future expansion.

2014 EDC meeting schedule:

The meeting date will be changed to the third wed. of the month to have the secretary present. The members had no issue.

Maintenance of Industrial Park:

Member Rodenhiser did have a conversation with Tom Holder from DPS about the maintenance of the Industrial Park.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Hugh McKinnon, the Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary