

**Town of Medway
Economic Development Committee
Monday October 26, 2015
76 Oakland Street
Medway, MA 02053**

PRESENT:

Eric Arbeene, Ken Bancewicz, Tina Chemini, Scott Habeeb, Paul Yorkis, and Keith Peden

Director, Community and Economic Development, Stephanie Mercandetti
Recording Secretary, Amy Sutherland,

NOT PRESENT:

Andy Rodenhiser, Alissa Rodenhiser, and Chan Rogers

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and there were no comments from the general public.

Library Makerspace:

The EDC was made aware that the library is preparing the first floor of the library for the makerspace room. There is an article on the warrant for \$55,000 to cover electrical cost. There has been a 3-D printer donated along with audio equipment and DVD converter. There will also be an Arts and Craft area. The library is looking for volunteers to train the residents on how to use equipment. Photographs were shown to the EDC from the Town of Westport who has an industrial looking library makerspace area. It was suggested that the Medway Community Education Coordinator be contacted about offering a class on how to use the equipment. Another recommendation was that business be contacted or informed that this space will be available. Member Yorkis was inquiring about how we could partner regionally with other Chambers of Commerce.

Update and discussion on zoning articles for Fall Town Meeting:

The Economic Development Committee was made aware that the warrant article priority list which was discussed at the last meeting was submitted to the Planning and Economic Development Board. Of the proposed 13 Articles, the Planning and Economic Development Board discussed the suggestions and decided to eliminate five of the articles. Those will be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Member Yorkis wanted to discuss the section on abandonment on page 9 of the document. He wants to make sure that the business on Lincoln Street which repairs motorcycles and small engines is not effected by this. Mr. Yorkis believes that we need to keep this type of business in town to service the residents of Medway. He wants to make sure this is not preventing economic development to happen in the town.

The members are satisfied with the articles which will be submitted.

495 Metro West Suburban Edge Community Commission:

Stephanie Mercandetti informed the Economic Development Committee that there is going to be a special commission set up known as the 495/MetroWest Suburban Edge Community Commission. There will be nine people appointed by the governor to serve on this commission. The Commission will be tasked with looking at community needs relative to transportation, water, cellular and energy infrastructure, transit services, residential development. Reuse of former industrial facilities and historic mills, brownfield reclamation and downtown redevelopment. There will be five municipalities represented to participate in the pilot program. As part of recent bill enacted, there was language for commission that some of the delegation put in. This is specifically for municipalities with populations of not more than 35,000.

Stephanie Mercandetti is interested in serving on this special commission and will be submitting her credentials to the governor seeking appointment.

Letter of Support:

On a motion made by Keith Peden, and seconded by Scott Habeeb, the Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to have the Chairman send a letter in support for Stephanie Mercandetti for her appointment.

EOHED Economic Development Planning Council:

The Economic Development Committee is in receipt of a release from Baker-Polito Administration about convening of the economic development planning council. This planning council has representatives from banks, innovation, manufacturing, and other industries. A list of the members was also supplied.

Old business:

Member Committee Reports:

Route 109:

The pocket park at Mechanic Street is under construction. There have been over \$2,300 in donations. Those that donated will be recognized. This should be completed by the end of the October 2015.

Medway Redevelopment Authority:

The Medway Redevelopment Authority will be conducting interviews on Wednesday October 28, 2015 for the three different firms who submitted application for the Urban Renewal Plan.

Chairman Yorkis informed all that Stephanie Mercandetti has gone above and beyond in moving this forward.

Inventory of Available Properties for Sale or lease:

The Board is in receipt of the table for the available commercial properties for sale of lease in Medway. This is commercial and industrial properties. Chairman Yorkis will provide Stephanie Mercandetti with further listings. This list will be up updated monthly and added to The town website. One of goals would be to connect this to GIS and the Assessor's database.

Economic Development Activity Update:

The EDC was made aware that there is interest in a cultivation facility at the Medway Industrial Park. There is another entity that is interested in manufacturing in the 495 business park. Stephanie has been in communication with the prospective businesses.

Economic Development Committee webpage:

The updates need to be done, inventory, background, etc. a photograph with fall, spring and winter to make the site attractive and do a series of photos and do a slide show. And if businesses want to promote and spotlight. Use it as a marketing tool.

Minutes:

On a motion made by Ken Bancewicz and seconded by Tina Chemini, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the redline revisions to the minutes from October 5, 2015.

(Member Yorkis and Habeeb abstained)

Correspondence:

The EDC is in receipt of a correspondence entitled "Capital Conversations". This has a series of meeting to discuss the future of our transportation investments. It is sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Massachusetts Transportation Authority.

It was suggested that the Committee have a brainstorming session to discuss the vision of what businesses should look like in the Town of Medway. The ideas could become part of a strategic business plan. The committee could implement the use of surveys to seek

Fall Town Meeting:

- Monday, November 16, 2015

Future Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, November 17, 2015

ADJOURN

On a motion made by Tina Chemini, and seconded by Ken Bancewicz, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Minutes of October 26, 2015 Meeting
Economic Development Committee
Approved November 23, 2015*

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved November 23, 2015