

TOWN OF MILLIS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 6, 2019– Meeting Minutes
Millis Public Library- Adams Historical Room
961 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054

CALL TO ORDER: Selectwoman Loring Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following persons were present: Loring Barnes, *Vice Chair Board of Selectmen*, Amanda Borgman, *Community Activist*, Peter Harkey, *life-long resident and business/property owner*, Nate Maltinsky, *Historical Commissioner*, Beth Murphy, *Town Meeting Study Committee Chair*, Jim Sabitus, *CEO and Founder of Row One Brands, Inc.*, Mark Spangenberg, *Co-owner of Northeast Signature Properties, LLC*, and Nicole Riley, *Planning Board Member*.

Note: The Committee consists of 6 voting members and 1 non-voting member. Peter Harkey is an active participant in discussion; however, he will be serving in an ex-officio capacity. Nate Maltinsky is in attendance as a guest, to contribute historical expertise to the discussion.

1. The committee elected officers.

Sel. Loring Barnes made a motion to nominate Beth Murphy as Chair of the Economic Development Committee. Nicole Riley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Nicole Riley made a motion to nominate Jim Sabitus as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee. Sel. Loring Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sel. Loring Barnes made a motion to nominate Amanda Borgman as Secretary of the Economic Development Committee. Chair Beth Murphy seconded that motion and it passed unanimously. Sel. Loring Barnes to recommend Nate Maltinsky for appointment to the Board of Selectman.

2. Town Administrator Mike Guzinski reported on January 28th that the intended Economic Development + Planner Director will no longer be a joint hire with the Town of Southborough, resulting in part-time vacancy.

The town of Millis job description for Economic Coordinator/ Planner was received by the committee for review. Preliminary changes were made and final revision was tabled, to allow for further changes by the EDC. An inquiry will be made on the interview process of new director.

3. Sel. Loring Barnes circulated property details for 60 CURVE STREET and 64 EXCHANGE STREET.

Committee discussed possible options for the vacant property of 64 Exchange Street. The idea of public use was proposed and cost of renovation was considered. Town consensus of preservation suggests using funds from CPC. Sel. Loring Barnes to email Town Administrator Mike Guzinski about possible tour of the property for committee members.

4. Brewery Restrictions

In consideration of GAF, 60 Curve Street, committee discussed limitations to potential developers. The active use of the railroad appears to be common denominator. The question of who owns the right of way was proposed by Peter Harkey. Nicole Riley to verify through deeds.

5. Upcoming meeting schedule was discussed.

The committee agreed upon meeting on Wednesday nights, from 6:30pm- 8pm, every 3 weeks. The future meeting dates are as follow: February 27th, March 20th, April 10th, May 1st, May 22nd, and June 12th. Chair to confirm location.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Beth Murphy motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm, to allow time to exit the library before it closes at 8pm. Mark Spangenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Amanda Borgman.