

## **AGENDA**

### **WAREHAM COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**

**June 30, 2009**

**Multi-Service Center**

**RM 228**

**4:00pm**

1. Call to order
2. Discussion of Wareham Child Care Center
3. Review of current grants
4. Downtown Façade Program  
Liaison to Downtown Revitalization Committee
5. CEDA Director update  
AD Makepeace meeting  
Economic issues
6. Other business
7. Adjournment

## Meeting Minutes

### Wareham Community and Economic Development Authority

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#### Present

Jean Connaughton, Chair

Sandra Besse

Jo Jefferies

Whitney Beers Schmidt

Chris Reilly, CEDA Director

#### Absent

Rudy Santos

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#### Ceda Director Update

Chris briefed the board on the expectations of the presentation that Makepeace will be providing to the selectmen this evening. It appears initially there are 3 phases. One is on Rt28, just before the 195 interchange, This will include a 15 million dollar building to house South Coast Hospitals and will provide 500 jobs. Another is an affordable housing project on Main ST and a third project Technology Park that is located close to Tihonet Village. The Board was very pleased about the potential for these projects to come on line. The board made a motion to support the initial Makepeace Lou Ave project providing that all zoning and permitting requirements are met. The CEDA board believes this project will have a positive impact on Wareham from the perspective of much needed employment, tax revenue. This will set the stage and encourage other developers to come forward with projects that will improve the economic viability of Wareham and quality of life for the residents.

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Minutes Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

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