

**Town of Wayland
Economic Development Committee
November 17, 2010
Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Rebecca Stanizzi
George Uveges
Nick Willard
Sam Potter
Amy Frankel Nau
Sarkis Sarkisian

Nick Willard called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC or committee) to order at 7:30 pm in the Town Planner's office and reviewed the following Agenda:

- I. Public Comment
- II. Approve Last Meeting Minutes
- III. Updates on Existing Projects
- IV. Resignation of EDC member Robert Lentz
- V. Review of Mission Statement and Analytical Data
- VI. Discussion and Finalization of Group Mission and Objectives

I. Public Comment: None.

II Business

Approve Last Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Oct 27, 2010 approved 5-0

Resignation of Bob Lentz:

Sarkis Sarkisian updated the committee on the resignation of Bob Lentz and the process that the Selectman will use to fill the vacancies. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have someone appointed with Fin Com experience appointed to the committee.

Update on projects:

The committee discussed the town meeting that was held on November 16, 2010 and the learning's for the committee based on the discussions held on the various issues. The proposal for the Septage Facility was reviewed and a discussion ensued if the EDC could be of assistance in determining if the property and the adjunct landfill area could be converted to commercial development or municipal use. Sarkis Sarkisian will talk to the involved parties in the Town to determine if the committee could be of assistance.

Sam Potter updated the committee on the Finnerty property and the status of the development of the site. Mr. Potter will meet with the developer of the site to determine how the committee can be of assistance.

Donelan's Plaza – The committee discussed the potential of assisting the potential development at the site by connecting the site to the Natick sewer system. Mr. Sarkisian will determine what approvals are required to allow the hookup to the Natick sewer system, alternatives available for the connection and then, if the project is feasible he will set up a meeting to include a subset of the selectmen of Natick and Wayland. Mr. Sarkisian will work through Mr. Willard to have the committee assist as required.

Town Center – Mr. Sarkisian updated the committee on the status of the Town Center and Ms. Rebecca Matson Stanizzi updated the committee on her discussions on the Waste Treatment Plant and the land swap required to handle the Town Center requirements. The committee also discussed its concern regarding the Town Center developers request to control future hookups to the plant and the impact that could have on future development.

Whole Foods Plaza - Ms. Stanizzi updated the committee on her discussion with the owner of the Whole Foods Plaza and potential tenants that may come into the prior CVS space. Ms. Stanizzi updated the committee on the assistance she provided Whole Foods Plaza facility in understanding the high water treatment bill they have been paying and identifying steps that can be taken to significantly reduce that cost and free up capacity for the town.

Lee Farm – Mr. Sarkisian updated the committee on the Alzheimer facility being considered on the site. The committee discussed the potential additional tax revenue that the facility will provide and the design of the facility. The proposal should go through the various approval committees over the next several months with construction beginning in 2011.

(Amy Frankel Nau left the meeting at 9:00 PM)

Adopt a site - Ms. Stanizzi reviewed the Adopt a site program to improve curb appeal of commercial businesses in the Town and the various areas of focus.

Vacant Land - The committee discussed the limited vacant land available for commercial development (4 lots over an acre available in the Town) which limits potential commercial development in the Town. Ms. Stanizzi discussed the limited land available for relocation of " A Blade of Grass ". A discussion followed on the Mainstone Farm property and the potential tax revenue that could be created through residential development at the site. Mr. Sarkisian will provide the committee contact information on the owners of major pieces of vacant land zoned commercial to facilitate the potential connection of people seeking property in the Town with available property.

Discussion and Finalization of Group Mission and Objectives

Committee objectives – Ms. Stanizzi collected objectives from the committee members and will prepare a summary for the next meeting.

Next meeting –

The next meeting will be December 15th at 7 PM. George Uveges requested that the meeting date in 2011 be other than the 3rd Wednesday of the month because of a conflict he has.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectively submitted by: George Uveges