Town of Wayland Economic Development Committee November 29, 2012 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

R. Stanizzi, G. Uveges, J. Milburn, N. Willard, D. Watkins (joined meeting at 7:40)

Chairman Stanizzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 in the Town Planner's office.

There was no public comment.

Meeting minutes from October 10, October 18 and November 1 were approved unanimously as amended.

A brief update on the River's Edge proposal was rendered by Chairman Stanizzi, reinforcing the EDC program of updating and outreach to town boards and committees. Focus of recent meetings have been civil site engineering and the results of environmental and market studies. Feedback from these groups remains positive.

Also discussed: the present activities of the Town Counsel with regard to River's Edge legal issues and the beginning of substantive discussions with Sudbury regarding early termination of the septage facility agreement. EDC timetable is to resolve most of the outstanding issues before Town Meeting in April.

The Design Review Board was discussed, with particular emphasis on the Finnerty's site experience. Chairman Stanizzi and member Potter continue to track the progress of the Finnerty's site, particularly as EDC thinks about how to help good development in the future.

Goals for 2013 were discussed. Each member present expressed a preference for projects/initiatives they wish to pursue in the new year, as the River's Edge project takes final shape and demands less time from the members. This is the natural extension of a survey and discussion of priority projects to be undertaken by the EDC, which was launched at a prior meeting. There will be more on this as we approach the new year.

Additional discussion topics:

- future of private funding of public projects. i.e. crowd funding
- future role of EDC in providing close guidance for developers through the permitting process
- inventory of public buildings for possible re-purposing
- how to identify, prioritize and fund town services as budgets continue to be constrained

Next meeting December 13. At that meeting each member will flesh out his/her interests and goals for EDC for the new year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, N. Willard