

Town of Wayland
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 am.

In attendance: Stanizzi, Grumbach, Milburn, Potter, Willard.

Missing: Watkins

Guests:

Karen Margolis, Framingham (project manager for Shillman House; now involved with Shir Tikva).

Candice Steingisser, Joan Blair, both of Wayland.

JCHE and B’Nai B’Rith attended per agenda, see below.

Public comment: Three citizens attended the early part of the meeting, to hear the presentations/ideas from meeting participants JCHE and B’Nai B’Rith, and to find out about how they might help with Town Meeting by getting the word out.

Meeting Minutes of March 20 meeting were accepted as amended by a 5 – 0 vote

Amy Schectman of Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE) attended, discussing preliminary thoughts on site layout for an all-senior residential complex of perhaps 190 units. They would propose single building to accommodate their over-55 housing type, and reduced parking as a result, which allows considerable open space and setbacks on site. All ideas very preliminary and JCHE emphasized they rely on and work heavily with goals of town and the input of potential residents and other concerned citizens to guide design to fit the community.

Representatives of B’Nai Brith Housing, led by Susan Gittleman, Exec VP, including their development partner and architect (The Architectural Team is architect on their Coolidge in Sudbury project, and attended) attended next. The group primarily asked questions regarding assumptions of the affordable-senior balance, how the site could be broken up into separate buildings to meet Fair Housing law (market and affordable would likely be differently financed anyway), various financing alternatives, zoning issues, lessons learned from the Town Center experience, and so on. It was reiterated that if the River’s Edge articles passed, a public process of RFPs would follow. They remain very interested.

Remaining discussion focused on Town Meeting preparedness items: mailings, emails, last letters to the editor, signs, general coordination.

Member Grumbach left the meeting at 10:50 am. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05. Next meeting scheduled for April 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Willard