

Town of Wayland
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of April 24, 2014

Present: members Potter, Grumbach, Stanizzi and Willard.

Absent: members Watkins, Milburn

Meeting was called to order at 8:46 am.

Guests/Public Comment:

Sarkis Sarkisian was present for the majority of the meeting.

Daiva Izbickas attended public comment only, to introduce herself as broker for Ron Bonvie, successful developer of Southport, a large-scale over-55 project on the Cape focused on “creating a lifestyle”, creating community. She reported Bonvie is interested in River’s Edge; after some conversation, typically his firm focuses on condominiums, not rentals, so she would relay rental requirement to him. Ms. Izbickas was told to be on the lookout for RFP when available in a few months; she left her contact info.

Town Meeting Review: Town Meeting efforts/feedback was discussed.

River’s Edge “super committee”: Next steps were discussed about getting the 9-person “super committee” going as anticipated as part of the River’s edge articles. It is BOS’s responsibility to designate – however no BOS liaison for EDC and/or River’s Edge has been named yet. Agreed to get on BOS agenda to begin discussions to create charge and recommend recruiting while River’s Edge was still fresh in voters’ minds, well in advance of actual bid process.

Critical Path for River’s Edge: Once BOS liaison is set, River’s Edge can start moving forward; the project is now in BOS court, with EDC to assist where useful, so needs to follow their timeline. TBD. Next BOS meeting 4/28.

Activities to Create RFP:

Discussed hiring or recommending hire of Ed Marchand, to help advise on RFP structure and content, given his depth of experience with municipalities.

ANRAD now can be completed with ConComm to finalize wetlands and riverfront delineations; follow-up survey plotting to be completed and then meeting with ConComm can be scheduled. EDC to complete other outreach/permitting to provide concrete information useful for RFP (curb cut, water access, etc) while RFP is being compiled. Funds remain to cover this work from original budget.

Legal counsel was discussed to be critical for oversight of RFP; EDC to suggest potential scope to BOS since they would be direct report to BOS.

Next meeting May 1. Sarkis proposed setting up meeting May 2 @ 10am with DHCD/Mass Housing to confirm affordable count housing rules for River’s Edge; also Mass Works funds/application for 2014; to be confirmed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Willard