

TOWN OF WAYLAND

NAME OF BOARD/COMM: **Wayland Economic Development Committee**

Prepared by: Jean Milburn

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, July 17, 2014

TIME OF MEETING: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Wayland Town Building

Meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

Present: Jim Grumbach, Jean Milburn, Becky Stanizzi, San Potter. Guests included: David Larsen of Joint Ventures, Nancy Boyle, Molly Upton, Cherry Karlson

Public Comment: Cherry Karlson talked about the recent Fin Com planning meeting which was attended by approx. 30 persons. Fin Com would like to know EDC's recommendations about a future development mix that might support growth in commercial tax revenue. There will be another such Fin Com meeting on Sept 17.

The minutes of the June 12 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Milburn, second by Grumbach, passed 0-3. Two members of the Wayland Business Association present opened a discussion about the Wayland Business Association and whether or not that body might wish to have a representative seated on EDC. No conclusions were made. The discussion moved to selection of new EDC goals for the next year. Molly Upton asked why Wayland gets so little PR and/or media coverage, and, what might be done to improve the situation.

Becky asked if EDC might wish to work with Gretchen Schuler to develop a plan to keep a financially viable commercial farm at Mainstone. Jean Milburn will contact Gretchen and report back.

Cherry Karlson indicated that there are applicants for the public seats on the River's Edge super-committee and they will be interviewed later this summer.

Becky mentioned that the RFP for legal counsel on the River's Edge project has gone out.

Pat Cantor has issued an opinion to BOS on strategy for negotiations with Sudbury on the Septage facility. BOS will discuss under executive session, and meetings with Sudbury will be initiated.

Mass Works has a state program with a budget of \$50M that will be issuing grants of \$1M to \$2M. We might pursue this funding water/sewer-related items at River's Edge.

The discussion returned to goals. We spoke about selecting specific properties and working with the owners to improve the buildings' appearance. The committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Minutes submitted by Jean Milburn.