

Minutes

Economic Development Committee

Wayland MA

August 14, 2014

Present: Jim Grumbach, Jean Milburn, Becky Stanizzi, Sam Potter

Guests: Cherry Karlson, Nancy Boyle

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. The Minutes of the July 17 meeting were approved 4-0. It was noted that EDC needs additional members; interested parties are coming forward, next step is to get them to visit an EDC meeting and/or otherwise meet them. Nancy Boyle has submitted a letter of interest.

The next topic was River's Edge and the formation of the REAC. Most members have been identified. We hope that the group will soon convene and receive its charge from BOS. Interested legal firms are required to respond to RFP for legal services by August 31. Discussions about settling legal arrangements related to the septage facility are underway – initial BOS outreach has occurred with Sudbury.

Per the housing seminar that Becky and Sam attended over the summer, Becky noted that the Town is required to do a property appraisal of the River's Edge site per 30B public bidding regulations. This should be completed just before the RFP goes to developers – interestingly, it must be public record, which any bidder will be able to access.

Sam Potter raised concerns about a new inter-agency agreement at the state level which may put pressure on the River's Edge project to raise the number of 3BR units in the project to 10% of the total number of units. (The Patrick administration has been seeking ways to increase the number of family-friendly affordable units in the state.) This matter will be addressed as the project moves forward; goal is to secure a formal exemption letter to recognize that River's Edge is grandfathered. Sam and Becky to pursue with Sarkis.

Discussion turned to possible future projects. Among those of interest is the potential Mainstone conservation restriction on the farm owned by Dev Hamlin – also the potential introduction of a true working farm. EDC to stay informed and to help CPC/BOS if possible.

Sarkis is planning to submit a MassWorks grant application seeking funding for water and waste-water infrastructure for River's Edge, based on the specific direction from state officials that infrastructure requests should be tied to housing to be considered this year. Hopefully data can be available from Tata & Howard review in time; however scope has not been released yet by John Moynihan. Becky to pursue.

The meeting adjourned at 10: 15 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Jean Milburn