

MINUTES
Economic Development Committee
Town of Wayland, MA
September 23, 2014

Members present: Jim Grumbach, Sam Potter, Jean Milburn, Becky Stanizzi

Guests: Nancy Boyle, Cherry Karlson

The meeting began at 7:09 p.m.

No public comment.

The group reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Jean moved to approved. Jim made the second motion. The vote was 3 to 0.

The committee's annual report draft is complete and was reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the report for distribution. Jean made the second motion. The vote was unanimous.

The chairwoman stated that there appear to be three additional people interested in serving on EDC, Ben Downs, Seth Roman, Nancy Boyle. We hope that they will apply to the BoS soon.

Regarding River's Edge (RE). The RFP for Legal Services needed in the RE project has drawn 9 bidders. The law requires that all bidders be interviewed (all or none). The River's Edge Advisory Committee (REAC) will need to review promptly, or, select a subcommittee to do so. If REAC asked EDC to act as their interview committee would we be willing to do so? Becky moved that EDC volunteer to do the review of legal firms if asked by REAC, as a backstop, just so by the end of the first REAC meeting, either REAC or EDC will be in place to review the legal bids. Jean seconded. 4-0 affirmative.

In the near future, Becky will need to appear before the BoS to report on EDC expenses related to the RE project. EDC did not spend all \$360,000 as allocated by TM, but a routine accounting procedure "swept back" the unused monies out of our account. Those monies will be needed for last tasks including follow-on engineering and legal work, so the matter will be discussed with BoS, and ideally, funds will be reestablished to complete last tasks based on a finalized budget, including legal work.

There was some general discussion of various law firms that might have the appropriate staffing to serve REAC and BoS well. In addition, there was general discussion of MassWorks grants for water infrastructure work. It was noted that there are new volunteers on Con Com who will need to learn about the conservation/environmental concerns related to RE; EDC will be moving ahead to file the ANRAD for the site. The long-awaited Tata & Howard proposals for the ANRAD work and water/wastewater analysis are to be approved by BOS and work should begin shortly thereafter.

Jim Grumbach, who is a lawyer and mediator, questioned whether owners of the Finnerty's property and the surrounding neighbors who object to a CVS being located on that site, might find mediation with an experienced mediator helpful. The disagreements over the fate of that property have gone on for

many months, and the property still sits in disarray; perhaps mediation could bring this matter to a close. It has stirred up much ill-feeling in the neighborhood which cannot have a favorable impact on the health of the local businesses.

Goals for EDC were agreed to be tabled until next meeting, when ideally new EDC members will be in place to round out the discussion.

Jim moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jean seconded the motion. Affirmative vote 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Milburn