

## Minutes

November 13, 2014

Economic Development Committee

Town of Wayland, MA

Present: Jean Milburn, Jim Grumbach, Sam Potter, Seth Roman, Sean Fair

The meeting was called to order at 8:44 a.m. in the office of the Town Planner. There was no public comment.

The minutes of the Oct 23 2014 meeting were approved as read. The motion to approve was made by Jim Grumbach. The motion was seconded by Seth. The vote was 4 to 0 in favor of approval.

Jean Milburn gave the group a brief update on the activities of the CoA/CCAC committee. It appears that the committee will recommend that a community center be built at the so-called municipal pad location at Town Center. She anticipates that the additional activity that a community center would bring to the location would have a beneficial effect on the businesses located there. Seth mentioned that the addition of a boathouse nearby would also draw activity to the location.

Jim Grumbach talked about the continuing strife related to the former Finnerty's property. Jim is an experienced mediator and spoke with the representing attorneys on both sides of the issue, hoping to persuade them to locate a mediator and consider mediation as an alternative to prolonged court activity. His comments were received courteously, but it is his impression that the parties are unlikely to opt for mediation in the near future. Clearly, this contentious activities may be having a dampening effect on other potential investors' interest in Wayland, but there seems to be nothing that EDC can do to change the situation.

Jean Milburn asked Sam Potter to provide some background on the current wastewater concerns at the Town Center, as further background for our new members. Sam described the various factors at play and indicated that further resolution cannot occur until the DEP performs the necessary paperwork. Wayland's documentation has been submitted and is waiting in a long queue for attention.

Sean expressed interest in obtaining a list of all businesses in Wayland organized by their industry codes. He feels that getting out and meeting the business owners would be a good step toward understanding their needs. Perhaps we should ask Sarkis to present an overview to the committee since he has regular contact with business owners who are seeking his assistance. Discussion of committee goals is deferred to a future meeting when more members will be present.

The next meeting was set for Thursday Dec 11, 2014, 8:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Jean Milburn