

Minutes

Economic Development Committee

Wayland MA

December 11, 2014

Present: Nancy Boyle, Sean Fair, Jim Grumbach, Jean Milburn, Sam Potter, Seth Roman, Sarkis Sarkisian, Becky Stanizzi

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. in the office of the Town Planner. There was no public comment.

The minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting were approved after Seth commented that Sean, not Seth, expressed interest in obtaining a list of all businesses in Wayland organized by industry codes. The motion to approve as amended was made by Jim Grumbach. The motion was seconded by Jean. Vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Becky Stanizzi provided an update on River's Edge. The River's Edge group toured Shillman House, Avalon in Natick, and Concord Mews to get a sense of other towns' developments. Becky also noted that legal counsel has been hired. In addition, a site tour has been scheduled for the selectmen, discussions with Sudbury are ramping up, and a draft of the RFP will be available on December 12 for discussion at a meeting scheduled for December 16 or December 17.

Jim Grumbach followed with an update on the Finnerty's property, no forward motion. Jim expressed that the committee is only looking for a solution that enhances the property and avoid the status quo of the property becoming a fire hazard.

Jean Milburn commented that the owner of the proposed hardware store in Wayland Town Center will attend the next EDC meeting. The expected move in date for the hardware store is August 2015.

Sam Potter indicated that the owner of Wayland Town Center has the property up for sale with 2 potential buyers looking at the property.

Jean also provided update on the COA/CCAC committee as it pertains to the municipal pad at Wayland Town Center. The committee is attending the December 15 board of selectmen meeting to provide an update on their findings. There is considerable discussion about using the space as a community center with various parties (COA, WCPA, and Conservation Commission) expressing their respective views of the use of the property. Expansion of the existing space and parking capacity remain outstanding items that need to be discussed and resolved.

Becky asked everyone about goals what we expect to accomplish for 2015. Becky will be working on River's Edge. Sean expressed interest in developing a plan to create a long-term vision for the town. Sarkis indicated that the town has a committee in the works to accomplish something quite

similar. Sam will continue to focus on wastewater. Jim will focus on Finnerty's. Nancy noted that Arts Wayland is working with Wayland Town Center to create a town fair. Seth expressed interest in reconnecting the EDC with the Wayland Business Association and working with Ellen Tohn to add a boathouse to the proposed community center in Wayland Town Center. Sean proposed working with the Boy Scouts to help Wayland become a Tree USA town. Jean remains focused on the development of the community center in Wayland Town Center.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, January 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth A. Roman