

Town of Wayland

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes: Thurs. Jan 8, 2015

Present: Nancy Boyle, Becky Stanizzi, Jean Milburn, Sean Fair, Seth Roman, Jim Grumbach, Cherry Karlson - BoS Liaison. Absent: Sam Potter

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. in the Planning Office of the Town Building.

There was no public comment.

The group reviewed the minutes of Dec. 11, 2014. Jean made a motion to approve as amended. Jim made the second motion. The vote to approve passed 6 – 0.

Nancy asked that the next topic on the agenda, “EDC Efforts for 2014/2015”, include discussion of activities related to enhancing Art in the community. Discussion ensued about galleries, gallery shows within stores, outdoor art shows on the Town Green, all activities that would increase traffic to and interest in the Town Center area in particular

Seth and Sean are going to attend the Wayland Business Association Luncheon, to make the acquaintance of local business owners and here their concerns.

Sean, who is point-person for the senior discount card concept, has spoken with the Austin Chamber of Commerce. Also, he’s found that the WCPA has a discount card program in place for their members.

Jim Grumbach has heard of no progress in the status of the Finnerty’s property.

Jean and Seth had each dropped by the Danforth Farms construction project in north Framingham. Cochituate Village businesses should be encouraged to reach out to Danforth to be included in resident welcome packages (Seth/Sean to mention at WBA).

The new owner of the hardware store has been invited to attend our next meeting. It was suggested that he might enjoy seeing Green’s Hardware in Wellesley on Route 16, a local, attractive family hardware store.

Becky Stanizzi reported good progress by the REAC committee, which now has a draft RFP document. It is hoped that the RFP will be ready for distribution in early March.

Seth is planning to meet with the proponents of the boathouse in early February.

Becky made a motion to adjourn. Jim Grumbach seconded. Unanimous vote Yes.

Submitted by Jean Milburn