

Minutes
February 26, 2015
Town of Wayland
Economic Development Committee

Present: Becky Stanizzi, Seth Roman, Jean Milburn, Jim Grumbach, Sarkis Sarkisian.
Guests: Lina Moscone, Jeff Rogers, Susan Wagner, Tripp Jones

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. in the office of the Town Planner in the Town Building.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Moscone was invited to tell the committee about her new business B*Happy, which opened recently. Lina described her store and the types of services that she will offer. The store will sell gifts and party supplies and will work with customers who wish to special order items. She looks forward to working with all the organizations in Town that have parties.

Susan Wagner arrived and began to take notes about B*Happy for an article in the Town Crier. After Lina completed her remarks, she thanked the group and left.

Jeff Rogers, who will open an Ace Hardware Store in the Town Center development in August, introduced himself and his business. Jeff's business philosophy assigns a high value to listening to his customers and modifying his business practices to meet their needs. His business will include a second store, "Wayland Home & Design" which will be a housewares and home fashion store. He hopes to have both stores open for business in Sept. 2015. When asked by Becky Stanizzi, "How can we help?" He asked for assistance in meeting as many residents as possible so that he can talk with people about their shopping needs. Jeff left after concluding his remarks.

Jim Grumbach commented on the lack of progress on the settlement of disputes over the Finnerty's property. The owners and the neighbors seem to have made no progress toward settling their disagreements.

Tripp Jones dropped in to talk with the committee. Since most committee members were not acquainted with Tripp, he spoke briefly about his varied work experiences. He currently owns his own company. Tripp has worked in state government and spoke about processes for grant applications. He may be able to advise us about how to improve the Town's success rate when applying for infrastructure grants.

Seth talked about matters related to the Wayland Business Association. They are eager to have more traffic into Town Center. Completion of the Town Green would allow events to occur there and draw people into the area. Brendon Homes has offered \$150K to complete landscaping the Green, but the timetable is unknown.

Becky spoke about the progress in REAC. They will be presenting to the Selectmen soon.

The minutes of the Jan 8, 2015 meeting were approved as edited. Becky made the motion, Jim made the second. Approved 4 -0.

Becky made a motion that REAC approve payment of the bills currently being charged to the EDC budget for the River's Edge project because EDC does not have direct knowledge of the work being done. Jean made the second. Approved 4-0

The March meeting will be March 26.

Seth made the motion to adjourn. Becky made the second. Approved 4 -0

Adjourned 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Milburn