Minutes Economic Development Committee Town of Wayland March 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. in the Town Planners Office

Present: Jean Milburn, Jim Grumbach, Becky Stanizzi, Seth Roman, Sean Fair

There was no Public Comment.

The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor edits. 5-0

Becky announced that a letter of resignation has been received from Nancy.

Becky gave a brief update on the REAC's activities. BOS and DPW are discussing and resolving matters related to the access to RE. A Water Study will be conducted for RE. Wayland's BOS is in discussion with Sudbury to conclude the old septage site contract. She invited our comments on the draft RFP for River's Edge.

Discussion moved to matters related to the Wayland Business Association. Sperry wants to be able to offer full liquor assortment in their store and has submitted an article to Town Meeting. The WBA may wish to hold events on the Town Green and need to come to an agreement with the developer about rules related to use of that location.

Regarding the future hardware store – it was suggested that Jeff Rogers contact the Wayland Rod & Gun Club.

There is no change in the status of the project at the old Finnerty's site.

There was discussion of the possible benefit of creating a promotional video featuring Wayland as a site for businesses. Pelham Island Pictures could be a possible vendor. <u>pelhamislandpictures@gmail.com</u>. 508-314-8934.

Jean reported on the COC/CCAC article to be presented at Town Meeting. She is concerned that some citizens fear that the municipal pad site is polluted and will lobby to reject acceptance of the site. Sarkis will obtain an expert letter regarding the AUL status of the site.

On the general topic of citizen acceptance of the Town Center project . . . the parking lot is often full and the restaurants are doing a good trade. The condominiums currently under construction are selling rapidly in spite of a high price point. However, there is still a vocal minority that dislikes the project and will not shop there or support any town investment in that area. Clearly there is still work to be done to improve attitudes toward the site.

The next meeting will probably be held on April 30.

Jean made a motion to adjourn. Jim made the second. Vote 4-0. Time 9:55 a.m.