

Minutes  
Economic Development Committee  
Town of Wayland MA  
March 17, 2016

Present: Jean Milburn, Frank Panaccio, Sean Fair, Becky Stanizzi Jim Grumbach  
Guests: Doug Levine

Becky Stanizzi called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in the Planning Office of the Town Building.

No public comment.

The minutes of the February 11 meeting were approved as amended 5-0.

Seth to meet with Wayland Business Association next week to restart conversations. Seth to ask if subgroup at Town Center has good connection at National Development, new property manager, if not EDC may be able to help facilitate – goal to see some of the empty storefronts filled.

Hardware store: Traffic still slow. Owner working to increase traffic with outreach to community and paint vendors/contractors. Jean working with him with pet rescue group to have event on site. Possibly to use empty space next door to advertise for hardware store to help visibility? Seth to mention w WBA.

Finnertys update: Court ruled in developer's favor, so apparently CVS will be able to proceed. To be discussed with Sarkis to find out current status.

River's Edge: Revised RFP has been drafted and is in process of being reviewed by counsel in prep for BOS review/approval Mar 28, then RFP will be filed with state and then issued to bidders in April. Bids will be due June.

Senior Center: Town Meeting vote upcoming for the \$400,000 funding. WRAP voiced opposition just before BOS approval, with argument that senior, library and community center should be potentially at Payne estate.

EDC recommends locating the community center at one of Wayland's community centers, hub of activity, to encourage convenience and use, so that activity can build on one another and create a vibrant community for businesses and residents. It is the most cost effective solution for the Town given the existing structure, and an excellent location to create synergy with other town activities, both public and private. Paragraph drafted in meeting, motion to approve by Becky Stanizzi, second Jim Grumbach, approved 5-0 for use by Community Center Committee.

Wayland Automotive: Set to meet next Friday to review information. Update next meeting.

Whole Foods site: Fresh Market was reportedly due to come in this summer, however discussions may be ongoing with Whole Foods to stay in the interim. So good news one or the other will likely be in place. Housing committee is exploring housing above any retail there, but again, sewer is an issue.

Co-working: No update.

Next meeting: April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am, 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Stanizzi