

EDTF Special Business Meeting November 30, 2015

EDTF hosted a special Town Business meeting November 30, 2015 with Guest Speaker Chris Lund, Building Commissioner & Zoning Officer

Opening: Meeting called to order 6:30 .Those in attendance **EDTF** John Hadley; Chair, Chris Rucho, Barur Rajeshkumar, Barbara Wyatt and Maryann Schelin. Guests present: Matt Marcello, Mike and Kim Gordon, James Ciociolo, Andy and Anthony Surabian, Tom Goulet, Tom Hansen, Ted Jordan, Jim Donlevy, Micah Chase, Vivian Terzian, Carol Ann Mc Adam, Eric Matta and David Giguere

Introduction : A visit to the **Building Department** should be the **first step** when planning a project in Town. It is often the only department or board that you may need to contact. Many projects need to be reviewed and possibly permitted by other town entities. Understanding these requirements will help a person estimate the time frame and expense of their project. If the project requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeal or the Planning Board, a Public Hearing will be required

Chris Lund presented a slide presentation "**How Can We Help**" with his introduction, education and expertise. He emphasized that he was the First Step in the **Two Phase Process**.

Phase I : Zoning Use, Permits, Construction Control and Site Work, Licenses & Approvals, Weights and Measurements **Phase II :** Congratulations ! You made it! He described the periodic Inspections.

The Building Inspector can review the project and advise one on permits or licenses that one will require before a building permit can be issued. A visit to the Building department as soon as one has a good idea on location, size of the project as well as the use which it will be put to. The Zoning Bylaws of the Town of West Boylston allow certain uses in particular Zoning Districts, sometimes " allowed by right" and other times they require a Special permit. Chris can point you in the right direction **saving time and money**.

Brief Question & Answer Period and Discussion .

Chris informed the invited attendees of the many projects and success stories in Town, Examples such as : Wonder Bread Building, upcoming Cumberland Farms in Wachusett Plaza, 99 Hartwell St re invention, spectacular Holy Cross Retreat. There was a discussion on the beautification of Rte 12 entering into Town, Gateway Sign and Rail Trail Kiosk advertising opportunities , "Adopt a square" program, Business Tours and "Business of the Month" programs slated for next year.

Adjournment: 8 PM