

Minutes
July, 21, 2009
West Boylston
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr Gaumond, Mr Greenough, Mr Alan Phillips, Ms Paré, Mr Fishbein, and Ms Dunn.

TWPC members absent: Ms Meola, Ms Harris, Dr Tashjian, and Mr. Steven Paige

Also present: Pat McKeon, John Hadley, Angelo Perrone and Maryann Schelin from the Economic Development Task Force.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Leon Gaumond, at 7:04pm.

The Minutes of June 2, 2009 were approved as written.

The Chairman introduced the Task Force members and a discussion of the update of the Economic Development Section of the Town's Master Plan was held. The Task Force members were asked to provide the TWPC with their suggestions for the update. This would include goals already met, progress on those being worked on, new goals to consider, and old goals to discard as not practicable.

The Task Force recommended the Town join an regional ETA (Economic Target Area) with an adjacent town or towns which would make us more eligible for grants.

Some of the project s the Task Force have been working on are Gateway signs, Improving sidewalks on Route 12, having a Web Site linked to the Town's Web Site, a local business association, an economic marketing plan, and whether or not they should be a Task Force or a formal Economic Development Commission.

The Task Force agreed to analyze the Master Plan Economic Development Goals and report back to the TWPC with their suggestions.

Next meeting on Sept. 1,2009 we will discuss the Housing section with the Housing Authority and the Housing Partnership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Charles Greenough, Clerk