



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2018

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Mendon Town Hall

Members Present: Tom Merolli (Chair), Karen Wheet (Secretary), Anne Mazar, Tim Persson, Jordan Berry

Meeting called to order 5:40 by chair Tom Merolli

1. Motion made to approve minutes from January – so moved, accepted.
2. Facebook Discussion – Jordan and John to coordinate FB page content. Ideas for content: promote upcoming events, share EDC activities, monthly spotlight on a monthly business. Begin by soliciting submissions from participants in the open for business breakfast.
3. Meet with local businesses to find out why they brought their business to Mendon. What are the challenges they face. Possibly send out surveys in advance
4. Discussion about marijuana related business. Interest in meeting with and/or touring Sage. Uxbridge recently passed marijuana regulations for businesses to open. Milford has host agreements set up.
5. Update on town owned properties
 - a. 1 Milford Street - \$293,600

- b. 1 North Ave - \$235,600
- c. Fino Property, 10 North Ave - \$92,200 assessed value
- d. 182 Blackstone – \$105,100 – 1.38 acres
- e. 15 Inman - \$130,800 – 500+ acres preserved open space

6. Bill McHenry, Mendon Affordable Housing Coordinator, provided an update on Mendon Affordable Housing. There is 76 acres at 52 Providence St. purchased with CPC funds. Housing would be on 3.2 acres. Housing committee has facilitated community outreach to develop qualitative criteria and design guidelines. Currently developing a RFP for ~88 bedrooms and ~50 units.

7. Master Plan – There is budget allocated to Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee (CMRPC) to finish the master plan. Need to reschedule meeting with Bill Ambrisino to discuss plan forward to finish Master Plan.

Action Items:

- Jordan to coordinate with John who will update FB content
- Solicit business spotlight information from local businesses for Mendon EDC FB page.
- Tom to get contact at Sage Cannabis to set up tour/meeting
- Tom to meet with Bill Ambrosino about Master Plan

Previous Action Items:

- TM to continue to reach out Agricultural committee to check on co-op idea.- no response. Try Peter Hawkes by phone. Anne will try to get # to Tom.
- Anne Mazar to look into MassWorks grants
- John will run a consumer spending report and demographics.
- Tom ask Chris Ryan how we could do an EDC plan? Are there any free hours thru CMRPC?
- Karen to look at Mass Development and Mass Growth in more detail to see how to use for the EDC
- CMRPC – Housing Choice Initiative – helping with affordable housing – smart growth. Meeting 1/11/18 6:30, Anne to update findings at meeting.

- Tom to invite Franklin EDC to attend a future meeting to discuss Marijuana grow facility – March? And probably good idea to reach out to Milford – Brian Murray. Invite Uxbridge as well.
- Continue to pursue: \$125K for the lot – 15 Inman Hill Road. Maybe the profit could be set aside so we can use it potentially purchase the Fino lot. Old: Town of Mendon bought some land on 15 Inman road some time ago, there is 1 house lot that the town could use to get \$. In between two houses. Could be \$100K to the town

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 PM

Next meeting: Monday, 4/9/18 5:30 p.m.

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