



## MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, April 9, 2018

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Mendon Town Hall

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

Non Member: Bill Ambrosino

Meeting called to order 5:41 by chair Tom Merolli

1. Discussion re: Letter to businesses. Suggested questionnaire: If infrastructure was offered would you accept a Dual tax rate; open space; affordable housing; sidewalks; water; sewer; is it desirable to have more/complimentary business in town – what kind, what type of businesses would be undesirable; do you need additional support from town – if so explain. Would marijuana facility have any impact? Shared parking? Are there services you might need that are not currently offered in town (i.e., legal support, etc.). Other comments. Include email addy:
2. Bill Ambrosino – CMRPC - Master Plan agenda and cost – EDC \$ included and a possible grant. Suggests separate website than town. EDC/Master Plan website – would go well together. Trish Settle and Elizabeth Wood are contacts at CMRPC. CVS and Walgreens have no interest in Mendon. Large grocery stores are also not interested. They are working

on Marijuana bylaw – usage kept on 140. No retail stores, cultivation/manufacturing okay.  
Direction: cultivation, testing – not dispensing. Following Sturbridge bylaw. Impressed upon Bill that we would like to work with him to present facts.

3. Facebook – connect with Mendon, MA bulletin. Post free services. We have a spot open on EDC board.

4. Inman House lot – Anne put together an MRP, town is looking at it now. Min. price is \$150,000. Wants that \$ set aside – not to go in general budget.

5. Sage Cannabis will not allow a tour/meeting

Action Items:

- Create questionnaire for business mailer

Ongoing 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. Updated, Tom is waiting for a meeting to attend.
- Anne Mazar to look into MassWorks grants. Update, on backburner for now.
- John will run a consumer spending report and demographics.
- Karen to look at Mass Development and Mass Growth in more detail to see how to use for the EDC
- Tom to invite Franklin EDC to attend a future meeting to discuss Marijuana grow facility. And probably good idea to reach out to Milford – Brian Murray. Invite Uxbridge as well.
- Jordan to coordinate with John who will update FB content
- Solicit business spotlight information from local businesses for Mendon EDC FB page.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30

Next meeting: Monday, 5/14/18 5:30 p.m.

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