



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday August 7, 2017

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall

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

Others Present: N/A

Meeting called to order 6:01PM by chair Tom Merolli

1. Motion made to accept June 12, 2017 minutes KW, JB second
2. Motion made to accept July 10, 2017 minutes by JB, KW second
3. Discussion of Open for Business Breakfast – Tom rec'd a list of registered businesses from Margaret Boderenko. Need to know how to contact these people: Mailing potentially; advertising in Town Crier; Maybe Jeannie Hebert would advertise for us; Flyer? 7/10/17 minutes mentioned post card would be sent from the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. J. Hebert provided Tom with an introduction to state personnel. Suggest 10/18/17 for breakfast meeting. Backup date 10/25/17.
4. RFP: Still conflicting info – does Meehan have an RFP onto Route 16. We don't believe there is an existing RFP. Selectman want us to give a broad overview of what we want for the RFP. 182 Blackstone street, 15 Inman Hill road – two

properties that are avail. for sale – maybe these locations could be considered as a swap for existing Fino corner lot?

5. Survey: Generally our take from Survey, town common wanted, farmers market, grocery store (like Trader Joe's). Main consensus is to figure out what we want to do with what we have.

Other:

1. Budget requests, what are the deadlines to know when we could request funds, as needed or necessary.
2. Route 16 Development: Discussed idea of development of the 76 acres. KW suggests grocery store (like TJ's), senior housing development, town common, sports complex. Discussion ensued: Miscoe Springs – could that be used as a multipurpose area – auction house? Any barns available for relocating? If town owns land, collects rent, could get a decent income. Is there a conflict of interest? If we can get the land on the State service board, which would list it so we can get some traction going. Do we get a developer involved? John has some contacts and will look into. Concentrate on Route 16 property. Preservation restrictions? Coop would be a good solution. Discussed Trader Joe's – population may be too small. JD knows the real estate developer and will check. Coop could be an option. FYI - Planning board is to turn this into a walking area from town hall to park.
3. Next meeting suggest we do a road trip to see the available parcels of property.

Action Items:

- Jeannie Hebert will introduce us to CMRPC, Mass office of Development, Meghan Duprete – Corridor Commission. – **completed?**
- EDC – check with Master Planning committee – is there an RFP on land on Route 16? **No active master planning committee to ask this from**
- KW to Look at Orton Foundation and what they have to offer
- TM to get a list of open properties for next week's "field trip"
- TM to review what we need for October event
- TM to get budget deadline dates
- TM to provide Breakfast dates from item 4 above to J. Hebert for consideration
- JD to talk to a developer and to check on website to post RFP

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 PM by chair Tom Merolli, second by John Danielson

Next meeting: 9/11/17 5:30 (meet early to take a ride to look at properties).

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