



## MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday September 11, 2017

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall

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

Others Present: N/A

Meeting called to order 6:00PM by chair Tom Merolli

1. Breakfast meeting is set for 10/18/17 8:30a.m. – 10:30
2. Route 16 Lot: Discussed Trader Joes – we still want it – but haven't seen any interest from the corporation to discuss. Discussed water – pursue grants. No town sewer, all septic. What does Meehan use – well water? Talk to Phantom Gourmet bros to see if they have a restaurant in mind for across street. Town meeting will have to approve anything we consider on the lot. R/E broker may have tools for developing. Does the Selectboard want us to sell the land? We can go to their meeting to discuss. If yes, we need to review conservation area. Corner lot – will they sell – (1 North Ave)? Original use for land prior to EDC: 1/3 is for open space. Upper – was considered for future muni use. Bottom considered for commercial

use. CPA \$ was used to set aside for open space – we would have to swap for same.

3. Marijuana facility potential in Mendon. There is a grow facility in Franklin – already. We need to review our bylaws and any restrictions currently. Water could be an issue – solar/hydroponic use.

4. Drove to Route 16 parcel. Noted solar farm, noted wetlands, noted high ground view and corner lot.

5. Other: Comments thruout – we need to be prepared at town meetings!!!!

#### Action Items:

- Jeannie Hebert will introduce us to CMRPC, Mass office of Development, Meghan Duprete – Corridor Commission. – **completed?**
- KW to Look at Orton Foundation and what they have to offer
- TM to get budget deadline dates
- JD to talk to a developer and to check on website to post RFP
- EDC committee to email internally to determine next Select board meeting and how we approach them for the following:  
Go to Selectboard meeting to talk about Route 16 parcel and their intentions.  
Go to Selectboard meeting to find out results from town marijuana informational meeting.
- Contact Franklin to see how they brought in Marijuana grow facility
- Need to review/accept August minutes

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM by chair Tom Merolli, second by John Danielson

Next meeting: 10/2/17 6:00 (meet early to take a ride to look at properties).

***The Chair reserves the right to call items on the agenda out of order. The times that are listed for items are approximate times, and items may be reached earlier or later than the posted times. The listing of items is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.***