



Town of Pepperell Economic Development Advisory Committee

1 Main Street, Pepperell, Massachusetts 01463-1644

Meeting Minutes-April 16, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Mark Mathews, Chair
Joyce Morrow, Clerk
Stephen Themelis
Chuck Walkovich
Phil Lenker

Committee Members Absent:

Chet Babineau
Kelli Kinney

Others Present:

Margaret Scarsdale

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance took place. Meeting was recorded.

1. Minutes of the March 19, 2020 meeting

Minutes of the March 19th meeting were accepted and approved.

2. Discussion / Action Item

Members present briefly discussed recent action items and provided additional update(s) if/as appropriate. Discussed items included 1A Auto update; Twin River Hydro update; Railroad Square/Wayne Razzaboni; Peter Fitz Collaborative, Twin Valley Farm, former Dunkin Donuts Property, discussion with MOBD.

3. Brief Update from Committee members on external resources

Chair brought up the teleconference EDaC members hosted with TA and MOBD. Chair was encouraged by MOBD's offer to help. TA and EDaC needs to identify projects for local funding and connect back with MOBD to move process along.

4. Brief update on projects that EDAC could focus on

Chair asked for 3-5 projects that EDaC could focus on and support over the next months.

The following projects were identified: Peter Fitz Collaborative; Downtown beautification (including 1A Auto and Twin River Hydro properties); Zoning and Bylaw Re-writes. It was suggested that EDaC reach out to current property owners downtown to determine interest in updating facades of building if local funding were available to contribute to the cost to rehab. It was suggested that EDaC needed to focus on projects within the Town's control if MOBD funds were to be considered.

The following project were identified for EDaC focus:

- Peter Fitz Collaborative – Mark/Joyce/Phil
- Downtown Beautification – Mark/Joyce
- 1A Auto/TRH Property Beautification/Development - Stephen
- Policy/Zoning Changes – Chuck/Mark

5. Open Forum

Margaret Scarsdale listened in to the meeting to get informed on what the group was doing. She was impressed with what she heard, and looks forward to hearing more about what project out comes the EDaC group can achieve. She thanked everyone for their efforts, ideas, and outreach to the various businesses and individuals.

6. 2020 EDaC Meeting Schedule

May 21

June 15

July 16

August 20 (Tentative/May be rescheduled)

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

7. Adjournment

Motion was received and approved to adjourn at 8:06 pm.