



# Town of Pepperell

## Economic Development Advisory Committee

1 Main Street, Pepperell, Massachusetts 01463-1644

### Minutes – May 20, 2021 Meeting

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Joyce Morrow, Clerk  
John Masiello  
Stephen Themelis  
Chuck Walkovich

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Chet Babineau  
Kelli Ann Kinney  
John Masiello

#### **Additional Attendee(s):**

Tony Beattie  
Bruce Bonnevier  
Susan Edwards  
Ken Hartledge

Meeting Convened at 6:09 PM. Pledge of Allegiance took place. Meeting was recorded. Ms. Morrow (Clerk) acted as Chair in the absence of EDAC's former Chair.

#### **1. Minutes of April meeting**

Minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting were tabled until the June meeting since we did not have a quorum at the start of the meeting. Some members joined after this agenda item.

#### **2. Discussion**

Clerk chaired the meeting because former Chair Mark Mathews resigned from EDAC. Mr. Mathews was nominated / appointed to the Select Board. Ms. Morrow read into the record Mr. Mathews resignation memo to Town Clerk. Further discussion regarding the status of EDAC was tabled until the June meeting when, hopefully, all members will be present. Members present unanimously agreed that holding off discussion about EDAC's vision and mission statement would be better served with more members present, and potentially with a new member as well.

Ms. Morrow announced that there was a slight blip in the Agenda resulting from the

transition out of former Chair Mathews. Ms. Morrow introduced guest speakers, Susan Edwards and Ken Hartledge who had been invited to the May EDAC prior to Mr. Mathews' resignation. All were gracious and understanding; and the presentation followed. Susan Edwards gave a recap of her background and experience, what brought her to Pepperell, and her current aspirations for her involvement in Pepperell today. Mr. Hartledge presented an overview of the Climate Change Committee. Discussion ensued after the presentation with interactive questions/answers/comments by all parties present.

Bruce Bonnevier was on the call. Mr. Bonnevier submitted an application for the vacant EDAC Member seat. He gave a brief summary of his background and experience, and why he wanted to be part of the EDAC team. EDAC members endorsed him and agreed that he had the background and experience and would make a good fit with the group.

Limited discussion followed regarding EDAC member Reports/Updates, and well as MPIT Status Updates. There was discussion concerning NMCOCG funding for three different grants: OSRD, Design Guidelines, LRRP, etc. There was a brief discussion regarding the Age-friendly hire for the Albert Harris Senior Center. Mr. Walkovich added that the MPIT Team is preparing an update to the Planning Board in advance of and in preparation for presenting at the Town Meeting.

Chair asked if there were any more items for discussion.

Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn.

### **3. Adjournment**

Motion was received and approved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

### **4. 2021 EDAC Meeting Schedule**

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16