

**Town of Medway
Economic Development Committee
Wednesday November 8, 2017
Senior Center
76 Oakland Street
Medway, MA 02053**

PRESENT:

Paul Yorkis, Keith Peden, Rich Di Iulio, Deanna Kaiser Doughty, Jennifer Kendel, Anthony Varrchione and Zachary Knowlton.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

There were no comments from the general public.

Old Business:

The Committee is in receipt of a summary of the zoning discussion items from the last meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Explore how manufacturing is changing and see how the town could address this change. Ex. creating things in the maker space. Currently light manufacturing is not allowed in village commercial. Look at the evolution of technology.
- What are the parameters for renting spaces for businesses in the Town of Medway. Could these be shared spaces? Is this allowed?
- Discuss with the Planning and Economic Development Board if zoning could be approved around a concept. It would be ideal to have a developer be able to just relocate a business with the needed zoning in place. Chairman Yorkis will reach out to the National Real Estate Association. Businesses shy away from coming to a town if the zoning is not in place.
- Member Peden is attending the Medway Business Council meeting. He will explore with the members what their needs are and possibly suggest to do video presentations showcasing businesses throughout town. It would also be beneficial to discuss what the challenges of doing business with the Town of Medway can be.

Medway Economic Data/Metro West Research Center:

- The Director of Planning and Economic Development is working on gathering this information.

New Business:

- Explore share working spaces: ex. bake with catering company. If someone wanted to utilize an office space, would this be available. There are sites in Boston which could be rented out hourly, or monthly. What would need to be invested to allow for this. The EDC would like to discuss how this could be done strategically to foster further business development.

Committee Reports:

- There were no reports from the Committees.

2018 Meeting Schedule:

- The EDC agreed to meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 at the Senior Center.

Minutes:

On a motion made by Keith Peden and seconded by Deanna Kaiser Doughty, the EDC voted to Approve the minutes from October 11, 2017.

Future Agenda topics:

- Representative Jeffrey Roy

Future Meeting Date:

- Wednesday, November 13, 2017.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Keith Peden and seconded by Rich Di Iulio, the EDC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved 12/13/17