



Town of Medway
Economic Development Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 18, 2018
Medway Town Hall
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Peden, Chair, Deanna Kaiser Doughty, Vice Chair, Jennifer Kendall, Rich Di Iulio and Anthony Verrichione.

ALSO PRESENT:

Barbara J. Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development
Amy Sutherland, Recording Secretary

Chairman Peden opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

There were no public comments.

Oak Grove Zoning Task Force:

Member Varrichione, the Committee's liaison to the Oak Grove Task Force, reported that the Oak Grove Task Force Committee and Consultant Brovitz will be holding an informational session on the Oak Grove concept plan on Monday October 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Thayer House. There will be an informal gathering with refreshments at 6:30 pm preceding the meeting. The Community and Economic Development office sent out over 170 fliers to businesses and community residents about the event. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation.

Development Handbook:

Ms. Doughty provided an update on the Town of Medway Development Handbook. She has been in touch with the Town's Director of Communication (Ms. Johnston). Ms. Doughty will meet with Ms. Johnston on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 9:00 am to discuss options and possibilities for the Development Handbook. Ms. Doughty indicated that she will need assistance with the content. Ms. Saint Andre offered the assistance of her office.

Business Community Opportunity Development:

The members were informed that the Cybex property has been sold to Spencer Technologies. The Economic Assistance Coordinating Council approved Spencer Technologies application for tax Incentives. Spencer Technologies will be relocating the facilities worldwide. The Medway headquarters will have about 200 employees. They are hoping to move in by January 2019. The town will assist with having a job fair at the Thayer House. Spencer Technologies has recently joined the Medway Business Council. Chairman Peden would like to reach out to the representatives of Spencer Technologies.

2 Marc Road:

The Planning and Economic Development Board has received an application for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment at 2 Marc Road. This is within the east industrial park.

Housing Projects:

There is an informational meeting on Monday, October 29, 2018 for a possible chapter 40B apartment development at 39 Main Street. There is another development in the informal phase for 42 Highland Street and one on Lovering Street next to Lovering Heights. The town is under safe harbor until August 2019 but still needs to meet the state goal of 10% affordable housing.

Cultural Council:

Ms. Kendall has been appointed to the Cultural Council. She provided an update. A representative of the Cultural Center of Cape Cod will be at the next EDC meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018. The Economic Development Committee would like to work collaboratively with the Cultural Council to showcase artists work in vacant commercial space or vacant store fronts at the Medway Plaza. The Cultural Council is working on the Project M which is designed to showcase local businesses and organizations and promote cultural engagement.

Use of Economic Data:

Member Knowlton is still working on gathering analytic and statistical information on demographics. It is the goal of the EDC to have updated data on the town website.

Town Organization Charts:

Ms. Saint Andre reported that the two town government organizational charts will be linked on the Committee's webpage after the charts have been updated.

Approval minutes:

September 20, 2018:

On a motion made by Deanna Kaiser Doughty, and seconded by and Anthony Verrichione, the Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from September 20, 2018.

Other Business:

- The Chairman will be meeting with the Town Administrator on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 10:00 am.
- Jennifer will be attending an MAPC meeting on Wednesday November 14, 2018.

Next meeting:

- Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Rich Di Iulio, and seconded by Deanna Kaiser Doughty, the Economic Development Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary