

**Town of Medway
Economic Development Committee
Wednesday December 14, 2016
Senior Center
Medway, MA 02053**

PRESENT:

Members Keith Peden, Hugh McKinnon, Tina Chemini, and Scott Heben,

NOT PRESENT:

Eric Arbeene, Ken Bancewicz, Paul Yorkis, and Andy Rodenhiser,

Member Peden opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

There were no comments from the general public.

Medway Zoning Bylaws:

The EDC was informed that the recent Medway Zoning Bylaw and Map were adopted at town meeting.

Work list updated

The EDC was made aware that that there was a departmental meeting in which there was discussion about future zoning amendments.

This included looking at the following:

- Table of dimensional uses
- Creating new village residential
- Refining special permit criteria
- Parking
- Finalizing the sign bylaw (public forum 2017)
- Rezoning West Street parcel for commercial development.
- Provide a map at the next meeting for discussion and recommendations.

Medway General Bylaw Section 2.20:

The members are in receipt of a copy of the Medway General Bylaw Section 2.2.0 regarding the Economic Development Committee. There was support of possible amending this to include someone who works in Medway but does not live here (ex. Ken Bancewicz). It was suggested that there should be more dialogue on this at the next meeting when there is a full committee. It was suggested that any comments or suggestions be forwarded to Stephanie prior to the next meeting.

Open for Business Packet:

The members reviewed the packet dated November 17, 2016 entitled “Entrepreneurial Approach to Commonwealth Real Estate Assets. This is an approach for build more housing in MA. It also looks to

create jobs while envisioning new open space/recreational assets. This also looks to identify new revenue streams without increased taxation. This would allow for partnering with local officials.

Patronicity:

This packet entitled “Patronicity” was created by MassDevelopment. This is a program to look at activating new or distressed public places and community spaces. This program is open to municipalities and non-profits to improve low/moderate income communities. Some sample projects include: walkability improvements, streetscape beautification, and community kitchen.

Site Readiness:

This packet was dated November 17, 2016. It recognizes that the 2016 EDC bill authorizes 15 million for the commonwealth site readiness program to be administered by Mass Development for funding purposes. The program is to accelerate private sector investment in industrial and commercial projects, to boost inventory of large, well – located, project ready sites served by heavy-duty infrastructure, or to support the conversion of abandoned sites into tax-generating properties. The project will be funded throughout the Commonwealth. This would be a great program for the redevelopment of the bottlecap lots, and the industrial park area. Stephanie will look into program possible funding.

Old Business:

Vision, Mission and Committee Activity:

The Committee was in agreement that the vision and mission were discussed in depth at the previous meeting. The goal would be to vote at the next meeting to accept this vision and mission once there is a full complement of the committee.

Committee Member Report:

There were no committee updates.

Correspondence:

- The members are in receipt of an email dated December 6, 2016 from Mary Becotte about Bimba a supplier of pneumatic vacuum technology.

Other Business:

Cybex:

The members were also informed that Cybex will be closing within the year.
Informed that Cybex closing in a year.

Sign update:

There will be a public workshop on the sign bylaw at which time the EDC will be invited to provide feedback and recommendations. This forum will take place during the first quarter of 2017.

Rt. 109:

There was a question about the availability of the Rt. 109 plans. The members were made aware that the full design plans are online. There was also discussion at a previous meeting about putting plan visuals

in the stores for those interested. It was also suggested to have these plans available at the town hall for businesses.

Stephanie will follow-up with the communications director on this item.

Other Business:

Tina Chemini, owner of TC Scoops is applying for liquor license and will be in front of the Board of Selectmen on December 19, 2016

Approval of Minutes:

The members would like there to be a full complement of members to vote on the minutes.

Future Meeting Date:

- **Monday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.**

ADJOURN

On a motion made by Tina Chemini, and seconded by Scott Heben, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved January 11, 2017