

Town of Foxborough
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2018

Present: Lorraine Brue, Kurt Yeghian, Mike Stanton, Mike Saegh, John Eva, Mark Grebbins, Sr., Steve Coote, Tom Murphy, Barnett Ovrut, Paige Duncan

Fire Station/Funeral Home RFP

- Only one proposal was submitted for the September 28th deadline for Proposals for the redevelopment of the fire station/funeral home. This submission was deemed insufficient and therefore did not qualify as an actual submission. Ms. Duncan will contact MassDevelopment and developers to obtain feedback on the RFP to ascertain why interest was so limited.

8 Mechanic Street Restaurant (formerly “The Kitchen”)

- We have been informed that new ownership is infusing capital into this project and the restaurant is still viable. There will probably be a name change. Stay tuned.

Wayfinding and Branding

- This Working Group is underway to come up with a plan for a “brand” for “uptown” Foxborough. All are welcome to participate.

Foxborough Common Business Collaborative

- FCBC is planning a Halloween parade uptown on October 27th. Ms. Duncan has let the group know that they should look at parking signs in the Uptown area and flag any they believe to be inappropriate for a location. The Town Hall/Police Department would rather have this come from business owners as opposed to a mandate from government.

Housing

- The Planning Board approved four new apartments (mixed use) at 14 Mechanic Street. The Master Plan calls for increased market rate housing in Uptown Foxborough.
- Ms. Duncan indicated that she is still waiting for word on whether the Town will be awarded a housing grant.

Route 1

- An indoor skydiving facility was approved by the Planning Board. This will provide another recreational amenity in Foxborough.
- A road safety audit in support of the future resurfacing of Route 1 is being held on Friday to look at the Route 1 intersections with Pine Street, Lincoln Road and North Street.

Next Steps

- Ms. Duncan will summarize input from developers and others on the fire station/funeral home RFP.
- She will also look into the cost of boarding up or demolishing the funeral home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.