Town of Foxborough Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2018

Present: Lorraine Brue, David Feldman, Kurt Yeghian, Mike Stanton, Dan Krantz, Mike Saegh, Mark Grebbins, Sr., Tom Murphy, Barnett Ovrut, Paige Duncan

Route 1

- A new definition of Brew Pub is proposed for the October 1, 2018 Town Meeting. Might also want to add a definition for Tap Room in the future.
- Dan Krantz and Mike Saegh reported that they are looking into sewer for Route 1.
- Ms. Brue noted that electronic billboards might be on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

<u>Downtown</u>

- We expect at least one proposal for the fire station/funeral home redevelopment project. Proposals are due 9/28/18.
- The Todson building (former post office across from Common) is for sale for \$1.5 million.
- The 50-unit apartment project proposed at 29 Wall Street is reportedly on track for spring construction.
- The FCBC is planning events for Halloween and Christmas.
- The Kitchen Restaurant might have been taken over by another entity. Stay tuned.
- The Historical Commission asked if the EDC would be willing to allow them to advertise the former Keating Funeral Home in an antique home magazine to see if anyone will buy it and move it. The EDC discussed and members felt this was too risky. This project has faced enough obstacles and the EDC doesn't want to risk anymore barriers.

Other Business

- Several articles are on the October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting warrant: Adding School Street to the design review district, changing brew pub definition, street acceptance, and revision to the WRPOD map.
- The summer intern completed all past minutes, worked on the business database, performed research on commuter rail and rail trail opportunities and wrote draft regulations for the affordable housing trust committee. Matt did great work.
- The wayfinding and branding sub-committee will meet on September 11th. All are welcome.
- The EDC will try to meet on the first Wednesday of each month moving forward.
- Goals moving forward: Route 1 infrastructure, signs, senior housing, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.