

Town of Foxborough
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2018

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

Route 1 and WRPOD Zoning: The EDC discussed and voted on the handouts for Town Meeting. *EDC voted 7-0 to approve the circulated handouts for Annual Town Meeting.* Efforts are being made to have a supportive editorial in the newspaper closer to Town Meeting. A slide show will also be prepared for Town Meeting.

Update on Downtown Projects:

- The Kitchen – Might be renamed to the 1704 Tap & Grill. Still no word on the completion of the kitchen in The Kitchen.
- RFP update – the group discussed how to present the proposed RFP to the Board of Selectmen. It is important they understand and are on board with the EDC's plan. The EDC may request a special meeting with the BOS. The group also discussed establishing a minimum reserve of \$750,000 for the fire station/funeral home property to ensure that any proposal includes housing, not just a restaurant.
- Downtown Walking Tour - Jay Ash, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, will be visiting Downtown Foxborough on Thursday, June 7 @ 9:45 am. All are invited to join in the walking tour.
- FCBC – MAPC has offered services to support the FCBC.

Other business:

- Intern – over 71 applications were received before we shut down the application portal. Interviewed five highly qualified candidates. Chose Matthew Faulkenstein, a graduate student in planning at UMass Boston, as intern. He accepted the offer and will begin at the end of June. He currently interns in Easton.
- Wayfinding and branding project – this grant project will begin in August.
- Route 1 subcommittee will focus on utilities and traffic after ATM. Sewer discussions are already ongoing. Traffic problems on Route 1 seem to stem from issues with the traffic light and cycle at the Lafayette House.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.