

Town of Foxborough
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2018

Present: Lorraine Brue, John Eva, Kurt Yeghian, Mike Stanton, Mark Grebbins, Sr., Dan Krantz, Tom Murphy, Barnett Ovrut, Kevin Weinfeld, Paige Duncan

Route 1 Zoning Amendments: The EDC discussed and vote on final version of Route 1 Zoning Amendments. Due to concerns about maximum height, the group decided to cap the height in the S-1 district to 150 feet. The group discussed R&D by right and opted to keep the use as by right. Kevin and Barney will speak to Frank Spillane about Town Meeting presentation format. *EDC voted 7-0 to support Route 1 zoning amendments at the Annual Town Meeting.*

Discuss April 10th public information session and April 12th public hearing: Reviewed handouts and slides. Discussed who will present. Presentation will be made on both dates.

Review memo on Water Resource Protection Overlay District changes: Zone IIIs are not required to be protected at the level they currently are in Foxborough. This over-regulation of Zone IIIs has limited development on Route 1. Change to level of protection will not degrade water quality. Bob Worthley supports change. Memo as written will be sent to AdCom.

Update on Downtown Projects:

- O'Reilly – work has begun on rehabbing the building.
- The Kitchen – The finishes are lovely but the Kitchen doesn't have a kitchen yet. That is next step.
- 29 Wall Street apartments – The Planning Board has approved the special permit for this use. These 50 apartments will be connected to sewer.
- RFP update – work continues on preparing the RFP. An application to demolish the funeral home and fire station has been filed and the Historical Commission will hold a hearing on a demolition delay on May 3rd. EDC members should attend in support if possible.
- Update on Foxborough's Downtown Business Association (the Foxborough Common Business Collaborative) – Meet first Wednesday of the month at the Orpheum Theatre. Have collected \$475 to date from interested businesses. FCBC stickers are now available. Working towards Santa Stroll as the first programmed event.
- Farmer's Market – the Recreation Department will be holding a farmer's market on the Common on Thursday nights, to complement the concerts on the Common program.
- Reacraft – The Reacraft building on Wall Street is for sale. Years ago the owner assigned some of his land towards the Central Street parking lot. We should work with him to ensure that the property doesn't lose ability to redevelop due to designating parking to Central Street lot. Need a build out strategy for the downtown area.

Hops & Grapes – Request for All Alcohol liquor license: The EDC voted to take no position on this request that will go before Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.