

Town of Foxborough
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017

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

Others: Jay Mello, Nick Erickson, Erik Trowbridge from As-Built Brewing

As-Built Brewing

- Jay Mello and his partners described their desire to open a small brewery under the model of a “microbrewery” and “tap room”. The fire station on the Common would be a perfect location and they would like to explore the possibility of locating here. Like the idea of being located in the Downtown.
- Noted that breweries require food to be served. As-Built’s proposal does not include food but they allow folks to bring in food and also to order takeout to eat in. Operation is family oriented. Will have games for adults and kids.
- As-Built is a new operation seeking its first location. Fire station might not be suitable for this use alone due to desire for mixed use.

Downtown

- The group discussed having a market study done for the fire station/funeral home to ensure that the plan for mixed use development on the site is viable. This study would look at comps and demographics. Use the yield study as basis.
- Sewer work is underway. Existing residents on Market Street have expressed desire to tie into to system.
- Will need to write an RFP.
- No word on the status of the sale of the Orpheum Theatre.
- The cultural council is interested in renting out space at the Orpheum for productions.

Route 1

- The group discussed potential zoning changes for Route 1. Barney will have a draft packet for review by June.
- Commuter rail – FMCB approved pilot policy. We will apply under that program. Could be first pilot program considered under new policy.
- Working with The Kraft Group’s engineer, VHB, on this effort.
- Bill Keegan to coordinate with Walpole, as they opposed commuter rail to Gillette Stadium previously.
- The Capstone Project by Northeastern University students will be presented to the BOS on April 18, 2017.
- Tri-town Chamber of Commerce holding a breakfast meeting/forum in May at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.