

Town of Foxborough
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2018

Present: Lorraine Brue, Mark Grebbins, Sr., Steve Coote, Tom Murphy, Dan Krantz, David Feldman, Barnett Ovrut, Kevin Weinfeld, Mike Johns, Paige Duncan

Others: Peter Tamm (Goulston & Storrs, counsel to The Kraft Group)

Route 1 Zoning:

- Discussed various changes – As discussed at prior meeting, retail increased to 75% by right. Definition of R&D revised to reflect concerns. The group again noted that the zoning bylaw currently sets max height at 450 above sea level and opted to let the Planning Board decide whether a max height should be included. Dan will have an exhibit prepared showing relative height of stadium, water tanks and other tall structures on Route 1 to give perspective.
- Outreach – the group hopes to meet with AdCom on February 28th or March 8th. An informational session at the senior center should also be considered. Mike Saegh and Stanton will talk to Route 1 business owners. Ask local chambers of commerce for their support. Talk to the Lions Club, and to the press. A PowerPoint presentation is being prepared.

Water Resource Protection Overlay District (WRPOD):

- Reviewed proposed changes. Board of Health and Board of Water and Sewer do not oppose proposed changes. Will not degrade water quality and is consistent with state requirements.
- Will be a standalone article. Not combined with Route 1 zoning amendments. But will be presented to AdCom with Route 1. Important to future development of Route 1.
- Create a map depicting limits of Zones II and III.

Downtown

- O'Reilly Autoparts – construction to start in spring.
- The Kitchen Restaurant – needs to reapply for liquor license. Never picked up first one and it has expired.
- 29 Wall Street – January 4th Planning Board meeting was canceled. Hearing continued to January 25th. EDC members may want to attend to support.
- Downtown Business Association (Foxborough Common Business Collaborative, "FCBC") – will be focusing on one hour parking signs Downtown and recommend where they should be removed. Also hoping to get Central Street parking lot improved over the summer. Talking to Roger Hill.

- The Orpheum Theatre is active again and is 80% booked for the upcoming year.
- The success of the Theatre brings to light the need for a snow management plan for Downtown.

Meetings

- EDC will meet once a month moving forward. Either first or third Wednesday of the month.

Executive Session

- To Discuss Real Property (Fire Station/Funeral Home Properties Located on School and Rockhill Streets) - The EDC will go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and will not reconvene in Open Session.
- Roll call vote to enter executive session - unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.