

Economic Development Committee
February 24, 2016
Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room
7:00 PM

Committee Members in attendance:

Mike Stanton, Michael Saegh, Tom Murphy, Stephen Coote, Tim Kenneally, Kurt Yeghian

Committee Members absent:

Lorraine Brue, Dave Feldman, Daniel Krantz, Mark Grebbin,Sr.

Staff in attendance:

Paige Duncan

Representative Jay Barrows was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion:

Last meeting, group focused on implementation element of Master Plan. Specifically, tasks assigned to the EDC. The first implementation item asked "*How does the business community characterize Town/Business relations?*" Group decided to do a survey of local businesses to answer this question.

Paige Duncan had circulated a draft business owner survey by email earlier in the week. The group generally discussed the draft. Minor edits recommended reducing the repetitiveness of questions. Paige Duncan will revise and recirculate.

Group decided a second survey of building owners, many of whom are absentee, will also be conducted. We will try to do this survey online. Need to update inventory of building/land owners, as well as list of current businesses.

Conversation then focused on how to get downtown businesses involved and active. Jay Barrows has offered to do introductions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.