

**Town of Foxborough
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2019**

Approved
10/23/19

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

Absent: Steve Coote Mike Saegh, David Feldman,

Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Stanton with a second by Mr. Krantz, the EDC voted unanimously to approve the following meeting minutes:

7/13/15	6/1/16	12/13/17
8/17/15	10/19/16	1/17/18
1/27/16	4/5/17	4/4/18
2/24/16	5/3/17	5/9/18
3/9/16	5/17/17	9/5/18
3/30/16	6/14/17	10/3/18
4/13/16	8/2/17	12/5/18
4/27/16	9/13/17	2/13/19
5/18/16	11/2/17	5/8/19

Further, upon motion by Mr. Stanton with a second by Mr. Krantz, the EDC voted to approve the following Route 1 zoning sub-committee meeting minutes:

5/31/17
7/12/17
8/9/17

Fire Station/Funeral Home Update

- BOS granted Municipal Conversion Permit to Douglas A King Builders on September 12, 2019.
- Bill Keegan and Doug King signed P&S agreement on September 16th. Sale will not occur until after permits obtained.
- Applicant will now file with Planning Board. Anticipated hearing date is October 24th.
- Doug King's group is in building doing remediation now.
- Plan is to swap Centennial lot with FHA Market Street lot. Two family FHA house will be on Centennial and Market Street lot will be converted to parking. Doug King is building parking lot for town.
- Bethany Church is considering allowing town to use their overflow lot if town paves. Might happen next year; town is certainly interested.
- Kevin Weinfeld recusing himself on Planning Board hearing due to owning land nearby. Ron Bresse' will chair these meetings for the PB.

Wayfinding (Downtown)

- Proposing Phase I to BOS. Made initial presentation but need to provide more detail. Anticipated date of meeting with BOS is October 15th.
- 40 signs proposed to be removed. De-clutter.
- We are fundraising for these signs. \$3000 raised so far. \$10,000 likely needed for Phase I. Could be up to \$30,000 for full program.

Rotary Traffic Study:

- Pare Corporation did traffic study. Presented to BOS in early September.
- Preparing to hold public meeting on proposal to test out temporary traffic changes to rotary to improve queuing times at Main Street intersection with School Street.
- Paige Duncan to work with The Reporter to advertise the meeting and get the word out.
- John Eva suggested that Police Details be in place during any traffic testing.
- The flashing crosswalks are successful over by Bird Street. Might want two more. Traffic study should address. Cost is approximately \$3500 per.

Schneider Electric:

- Schneider has more employees coming from Rhode Island now due to a closure down there.
- Speeding on Mechanic Street is an issue.

Route 1:

- Dan Krantz indicated the Revolution Soccer Training Facility is scheduled for occupancy on 10/11/19. Would like EDC to see facility.
- Starbucks under way.
- Freedom Wind Tunnel (indoor skydiving) construction is underway.
- Wormtown Brewery should open next month.
- Several stakeholders met with MFN (Mansfield Foxborough Norton wastewater treatment facility) to discuss the possibility of working with them on sewer for Route 1. More information and discussion needed.
- Commuter rail pilot service begins Monday, October 21st to Foxboro Station.

Workforce Transit:

- Astrid Glynn, MassDOT Rail and Transit Administrator will be in Foxborough at 10 am on Tuesday, October 1st to speak to employers about the new funding program being offered by MassDOT. The State is now incentivizing transit funding to reward regions/ communities who are proactive. Foxborough has been working with GATRA and the Neponset Valley

TMA to develop a proposal to support first and last mile connections for employers and employees in the region. We are hoping to attract numerous employers to this discussion.

General Updates:

- EDC website is complete and ready for launch. Just waiting for IT Dept. ChooseFoxborough/ChooseFoxboro is scheduled to go live 9/30 or 10/1.
- GATRA Go service is up and running. Using an app, riders can check to see if they're in the pickup zone. If so, they can get a free ride to any place else within the pickup zone. See Transloc app.
- Housing Production Plan is underway.

Mission Statement:

- The group discussed and agreed upon the following mission statement for the EDC:

Foxborough's Economic Development Committee's mission is to develop and implement a strategic business attraction, retention and marketing program for the Town, implement the Master Plan's economic development strategy and enhance the business climate in town.

In partnership with the local Chamber of Commerce, and state and regional agencies, the Committee will promote the town as a prime location for new and expanding businesses.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 10/23
- 11/20
- 12/11

Next Steps:

- Paige will pull out the implementation section of the Master Plan and sent to the EDC. At our next meeting we can discuss focus areas for the group, based on the Master Plan, and develop an action plan.

Handout:

- Paige shared copies of the Fall Newsletter for the Foxborough Common Business Collaborative with the group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.