



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

02 May 2025

10:30 am to 12 p.m.

Town Hall

AGENDA

Preliminaries

Call the Roll

I. Regular Business

- Review of meeting minutes from previous meeting (April 4, 2025)
- Public participation

II. New/Special Business

- Updates from Economic Development Director
 - Brunch with SBA staff and business owners at Town Hall on June 11th
 - Vacant Storefront Program with MassDevelopment
 - MAPC Cultural Arts Strategic Plan
- RKG Associates Status/Strategic Plan for Economic Development
- Town Meeting Warrant that EDC has an interest in
 - Leaf blower
 - Others?

III. Old Business

- Outreach/Communication Plan (Mike/Dave)
- Housing Production Plan (Patty/Shirley)
- EDC's goals for FY25
- Member Updates/Inquiries
 - Art to refurbish eyesore spots in Acton.
 - sewer grants are available but the application must be submitted by 6/4
- Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Legislation (Sharon)
- Businesses At-Risk (Sharon)

IV. More Regular Business

- ED Events & Ribbon Cuttings
 - Ribbon Cuttings/Milestones:
 - TBD – Twin Seafood, Others?
 - Silver Unicorn 3rd Annual Kids Graphic Novel Festival – May 3
 - National Small Business Week – May 4 through 11
 - 250th Anniversary (ongoing) – <https://actonma.gov/250>

- Restaurant Week Contest – October 20 through 27
- Shop Small – Thanksgiving, November 27, 2025 through January 1, 2026
- DEI and other Community events
- Updates from Town of Acton Boards and Committees
- Next meeting – June 6, 2025, 9:30 am to 11 am

V. **Consent Items**

- EDC position on town meeting article on leaf blower.

Additional materials

- EDC Minutes (April 4, 2025)
- Propose script on position of Gas Leaf Blowers ban for upcoming town meeting

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