

These are the minutes of the EDC meeting of 2/15/18, held in Room 9 of Acton Town Hall.
Called to Order: 7:35 pm
Present: Mike Majors, Derrick Chin, Josh Fischel, Larry Kenah, Shirley Ming, Selby, Peter Daniel
Absent: David Foley, Chingsung Chang, Dave Didriksen

I. Public Participation

Our usual multitudes from the public remained both silent and absent.

II. Approval of the Minutes

With small changes, we approved the minutes unanimously.

III. Next EDC Meeting

Larry Kenah will be in Florida, but Ann Chang suggested we ought to consider our positions on warrant articles for the upcoming Town Meeting. David Foley or Josh Fischel will chair.

IV. 495 MetroWest Partnership & MAPC PDA Site Readiness

Back in 2012, MAPC & the 495 MetroWest Partnership worked with communities on ‘the Development Compact’: a document that outlines preservation and development priorities for each town. We’ve been encouraged to update the development portion—the spreadsheet and maps—to identify sites that are larger than 20 acres and zoned for commercial/industrial; it’s how Insulet found Nagog Park. Selby has maps for review, including the Grace Property, West Acton Village, Kelley’s Corner, South Acton Village, East Acton Village, Powdermill, the Auto Auction on Odessa, the Moritz Property, Piper Lane, Nagog Office Park, and Discovery Way. The MAPC created these maps.

Additionally, Selby had GIS brainstorm other properties that could qualify for inclusion in this program. Selby wants to offer up three of them to the program.

V. Fun Fact of the Day: Larry commuted to high school past the Meadowlands, which used to be a garbage dump, where they would burn trash. Larry can still recognize the smell of flaming garbage because of that experience.

VI. Kelley’s Corner Update

Two pieces here: (a) Infrastructure. It’s moving along, was approved by Town Meeting. The cost of appraisal services (\$125,000) will be on the next Town Meeting warrant; we are only responsible for Main Street appraisals, and MassDoT will do the rest. (Not sure about Community Lane.) There was discussion about traffic signals; people wanted to have one at the new CVS intersection, and traffic data is from before that CVS opened. There will be another signal put at Charter Road. There will also be a cost of supplemental engineering. There are no Kelley’s Corner related items on the warrant. (b) Zoning. The Board approved putting zoning changes for KMart on a fall special Town Meeting. Adam Winstanley met with the Kelley’s Corner Steering Committee. They want to do a big public information and outreach effort with a PR firm to get the word out about their plans in advance of that Town Meeting.

Depressing fact: traffic will not be reduced, regardless of what we do—much of the traffic is regional. *Congestion* may be reduced, both because of road widening and The Future (self-driving cars, telecommuters, etc).

VII. Updates from Members

Mike Majors talked about a presentation on a new North Acton Fire Station, on Harris Street. Plans include a major renovation to Station #1 here in the center of town. A new station would necessitate 8 new firefighters, plus equipment. Because of development in the past 50 years in the northern area of Acton, it makes sense to add a station in that part of town and reduce response time averages. At town meeting, we’re requesting \$750,000 for feasibility and de-

sign—Mike questions the total, given the general ubiquity and standardization of fire station layouts.

VIII. Update from Selby

Peter is now on the board of the regional Chamber of Commerce. Selby was there for the annual meeting, looking sharp in a jacket and no tie.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Go USA!