

EDC Minutes – 25 July 2013

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 25 July 2013 at the Acton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairperson Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Allan Gulliver, Dave Clough, , Derrick Chin, Dick Calandrella, Nancy Dinkel, Ann Chang

Missing: Doug Tindal, Larry Kenah, Chris Pappas

Summary

1. The committee reviewed, edited, and amended a Mission Statement that had previously been adopted in March 2009.
2. The committee discussed the new Red Raven restaurant, which is in the process of moving into the old Scupper Jacks. The Board of Selectmen was impressed with the presentations put forward by the owners of the Red Raven, especially with the training program for bartenders to avoid over serving alcohol. The committee asked Allan Gulliver to visit the Red Raven to welcome the owners to Acton and check in on how well the permitting process is going.
3. Allan Gulliver met informally with the owners of the Spruce Street Café in West Acton. The owners will be seeking loan financing to re-capitalize their business.
4. The Local Table in West Acton is seeking ways to increase traffic and revenues.
5. It is possible that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the fall to address zoning issues.
6. The committee is interested in learning whether the HDC has made revisions to signage rules.

The meeting was gaveled to a close at about 9:15 PM.

(Minutes prepared by Allan Gulliver)

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