

EDC Minutes – 5 December 2013

RECEIVED
JAN 17 2014
TOWN CLERK
ACTON

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 5 December 2013 at the Acton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Allan Gulliver, Dave Clough, Dick Calandrella, Larry Kenah, Nancy Dinkel

Not Present: Chris Pappas, Derrick Chin, Ann Chang, Doug Tindal

There was no public participation.

Minutes from the 21 November 2013 meeting were approved.

The committee decided to cancel the 19 December 2013 meeting.

Agenda Items

Robbins Brook v Firewood Manufacturing (3)

The Axe Brothers firewood supply company wants explicit approval for its business. The matter was pushed out to the January Board of Selectmen meeting.

Knox Trail Update (4)

The Town of Concord voted to move forward with the purchase of land on Knox Trail. The proposed land use includes not only parking for school buses but also fueling and maintenance of both school buses and DPW vehicles. The Town of Acton continues to explore its options especially with respect to the dangers posed to nearby water supplies.

457 Great Road Update (5)

Dave Clough provided a brief update on the spa business that plans to move to this address. In particular, the town took several measures (“... went the extra mile ...”) to address problems with zoning and permits as they were uncovered. The state did not approve of Acton’s solutions and additional upgrades are now required.

In addition to addressing this specific business, the town (and the EDC) needs to address the negative reports that are circulating about starting or moving a business to Acton.

Kelley’s Corner Update

The Cecil Group was recommended to the Town Manager. The Town Manager accepted the selection committee’s recommendation. Details are being worked out.

In this context, the committee decided that EDC members should attend those Acton 2020 meetings that deal with Kelley’s Corner.

Miscellany

- In the context of discussing Concord school buses, there was a brief discussion about the Acton school bus schedule after the merger.
- The Red Raven restaurant has opened for selected guests. December 10 will be the first night when diners can make reservations.
- The state determines that the Morrison Farm Committee did not violate the Open Meeting Law.

Remaining Agenda Items

There were no updates on agenda items #7 through #12.

In Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

These minutes were recorded by Lawrence J Kenah, EDC Clerk.