

# EDC Minutes – 4 September 2014

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 4 September 2014 at the Acton Town Hall in Room 204.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:30 by Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Allan Gulliver, Derrick Chin, Dick Calandrella, Nancy Dinkel, Franny Osman, Doug Tindal, Bharat Shah

Missing: Larry Kenah, Ann Chang, Chris Pappas

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## Summary

There was no public participation.

1. Regarding goals and objectives, Franny Osman strongly urged us to get pictures of the “work in progress” broad easel sheets marked up during the previous meeting. There was a lively debate about whether or not this might set a precedent for future meetings. The sense of the committee is that we do not want to set a precedent.
2. The minutes for the August 21, 2014 meeting were approved by a vote of 4 – 1. Also, we will ask Larry Kenah to take pictures of the easel pad notes.
3. The Milton Roy company is in the process of closing down its Acton operations. Franny Osman offered to talk with a contact in HR about the factors leading up to the decision to close down.
4. Panera Bread is trying to open a new store in Acton. Franny Osman offered to speak with someone at Panera to get an update on how that is progressing.
6. Franny Osman will look into the Planning Department. She will try to understand the history between this department and the EDC committee. She will also inquire about whether the Planning Department is actually working on a project to build sewers in West Acton. Franny Osman wants our committee to move forward positively with the Planning Department.
7. Doug Tindal re-stated the three overarching goals for our EDC committee:
  - (i) Take care of existing businesses.
  - (ii) Remove/knock down obstacles for new and existing businesses.
  - (iii) Market Acton to the outside world by providing relevant information to prospective businesses.
8. Bharat Shah raised the concept of Acton offering tax breaks to new businesses coming into town.

9. The committee voted unanimously to approve the goals.

10. The meeting was adjourned at approx. 9:30 PM.

End of Draft Minutes.

These minutes were recorded by Allan Gulliver.