

# EDC Minutes – 16 April 2015

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These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 16 April 2015 at the Acton Town Hall in Room 204.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Allan Gulliver, Bharat Shah, Derrick Chin, Larry Kenah, Nancy Dinkel

Not present: Ann Chang, David Foley, Dick Calandrella, Doug Tindal, Franny Osman

Once again, Josh Fischel joined our meeting. Josh expects to be sworn in during school vacation week and will be a full time member of the EDC at our next meeting.

## Summary

There was no public participation.

## Meeting Minutes (2)

The minutes from the EDC meeting on 2 April 2015 were approved after adding a single sentence that recorded the result of a formal vote of the committee on the local meals tax option.

## Board of Selectmen Report (3)

Franny Osman was not at the meeting so we skipped this agenda item.

## Acton 2020 Update (4)

It had been a while since Larry Kenah provided an update from the Kelley's Corner Steering Committee. His notes summarized four recent KCSC meetings.

- 25 February
- 11 March
- 2 April (committee only, no consultants)
- 9 April

Over the past several months, the key components of the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative have come together. These include

- Infrastructure improvements for the Kelley's Corner intersection and extending several hundred yards in all directions
- Proposed zoning changes with an emphasis on mixed use development
- Design guidelines for future development projects

These concepts will be presented to the town at the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative Public Workshop on Thursday, 7 May 2015, at the Acton Town Hall.

## **Mission and Goals and Objectives (5)**

We used this opportunity to discuss some items from town meeting as they relate to the EDC goals and objectives.

### **Revised Document**

Larry Kenah has not yet completed the edits to condense the mission, goals, objectives, and action items document. He will complete the next draft in the next week or so and send drafts to committee members.

### **Town Meeting, Brookside Shops, and All That**

Derrick Chin reported on the failed effort to change the zoning of Brookside Shops from residential to business, reflecting its current state. Derick will report back to the committee on next steps for this proposed zoning change. Larry Kenah commented that there is nobody to represent the business interests at town meeting on issues such as this. This representation needs to be included as part of the EDC's role.

### **Meeting with Steve Ledoux**

We mentioned that the town approved a municipal budget that included the addition of a combined office of Economic Development and Land Use. Allan Gulliver suggested that several EDC members meet with Steve Ledoux to get his thoughts on the ED role and how the person in that role will use the EDC. Allan will set up that meeting.

## **Rest of Agenda (6..9)**

Following the brief discussion of town meeting, we decided to postpone remaining agenda items until the following meeting.

## **Upcoming Meetings (10)**

In lieu of its first May meeting, the EDC will attend the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative Public Workshop on Thursday, 7 May 2015, at the Acton Town Hall.

## **In Closing**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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