

EDC Minutes – 4 February 2016

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 4 February 2016 at the Acton Town Hall in Conference Room 126.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Dick Calandrella.

Present: Ann Chang, Bharat Shah, Chingsung Chang, Dick Calandrella, Derrick Chin, Doug Tindal, Larry Kenah

Not present: Allan Gulliver, David Foley, Josh Fischel, Nancy Dinkel

Meeting Summary

The primary purpose of this meeting was to select a new chair for the EDC to replace Dick Calandrella.

Public Participation (1)

There was no public participation.

Meeting Minutes (2)

There were no draft minutes available for approval. There are two meetings without approved minutes.

- 17 December 2015
- 21 January 2016

Replacement of Dick Calandrella as EDC Chair (3)

Background

Dick Calandrella is resigning in his role as EDC chair. He will remain as a member of the EDC. He had already informed each member of his decision and solicited interest in another member assuming the role of chair. David Foley (vice chair) is unable to move up due to other commitments.

Election

Ann Chang nominated Doug Tindal as EDC chair. Larry Kenah seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion

After the vote, Doug Tindal thanked Dick for his service to the town over the years. This service extends way beyond EDC. Doug mentioned that when he (Doug) first joined the Finance Committee, there was only a single member of the public who regularly attended FinCom meetings, Dick Calandrella. Dick pointed out that he also attended BoS and School Committee meetings on a regular basis. Dick was also president of Acton TV.

Doug's primary goal for the EDC in the coming year is to align the EDC with Selby, the Economic Development and Land Use Director. He will be our champion and we will be a resource for him in the economic development portion of his job.

Doug suggested that the EDC meet with the Planning Board and Selby to discuss EDC actions for the coming year.

Before the meeting adjourned so that members could attend the Kelley's Corner Public Forum, there was a brief discussion of the Kelley's Corner plan and, in particular, the possible impact of the 110 Grille plans on overall development of the so-called KMart site.

In Closing

Upcoming Meetings (5)

The next EDC meeting is scheduled for 18 February 2016.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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