

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Maynard Town Hall
August 23, 2016**

Minutes

Attendees: Bill Nemser, Andrew Scribner-MacLean, Ron Calabria, Jack MacKeen, Linda Thayer, Chris Worthy, Paul Nickelsberg, Karen Freker. Absent: Melissa Levine-Piro, Sarah Cressy.

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman Jack MacKeen.

Minutes of last meeting, as amended, were motioned for approval by Bill Nemser, seconded by Paul Nickelsberg. Unanimous approval.

Complete Streets Update – Bill Nemser

MAPC will summarize the survey info for the demonstration project and publish, to the Town, a report. Generally positive feedback to the demo, but noted the bike path location on Main Street was not well received and the Town intent is to have a future bike lane next to curbing with parking (and door opening space) between potential bike lane and vehicle traffic.

Jack said we need to include positive feedback along with constructive criticism and we need to insure residents have easy access to the report and plans.

Bill reported we are pursuing a Mass. DOT \$40K grant to help with a prioritized Complete Streets program list and this would likely lead to a \$400K grant towards implementation.

BEEP report.

Linda reported that a sample bracket for Main/Nason flowers including sample flowers were installed at the corner of Main and Nason. Brackets were installed by DPW and the remainder of brackets are on order.

Jack asked about financial tracking of BEEP spending and commitments against available funds. Andrew stated that a periodic accounting report could be made available.

Basin Discussion.

Jack gave a brief intro summarizing the discussion from our last meeting. We reviewed a potential policy statement on goals and actions for the Basin – including finding a better name. Andrew stated that EDC should set vision/goals for approval by BOS and that Town departments should be responsible for implementation. Discussion resulted in how EDC could insure actions resulted from BOS approval of projects and it was thought TM/staff could help with specific actions suggested to BOS.

Paul thought the Basin presented a “naming opportunity” and there was general agreement on that point. Jack made a motion that he and other interested members work on a revised draft (1 page) White Paper for presentation to BOS regarding actions related to improving and capitalizing on the Basin area of Maynard. Ron seconded, unanimous approval.

We reviewed a map of the area surrounding the Basin parking lot and Ron mentioned that the former parking deck drive was now grass and that the Bank of America drive ways could be potential

development opportunities. Andrew stated that work was needed to understand ownership and easements in this area.

Mill & Main

Andrew reviewed the recent Mill & Main operating management change.

EDC Meeting schedule

Andrew made a motion that EDC meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 8 to 9 AM. Bill seconded, unanimous approval.

Andrew stated that it was time to update the Town Master Plan. At our next meeting we will review a draft statement to BOS supporting updating the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM

Ron Calabria