

Approved 09.27.16

Minutes of 9/13/16 Maynard Economic Development Committee Mtg., Maynard Town Building, 8 am.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 am.

Members present: Ron Calabria, Sarah Cressy, Rep. Kate Hogan, Jack MacKeen, Paul Nickelsburg, Andrew Scribner MacLean, Lynda Thayer, and Chris Worthy.

Others present: Jerry Culbert (Interested Resident) and Jean LaBelle-Pierce (MHS Senior Project Coord.)

8.23.16 **minutes** unanimously approved.

MHS Senior Project: Jean LaBelle-Pierce, a coordinator for the MHS Senior Project attended the meeting. This program encourages student shadow and/or internship placements. Ms. LaBelle-Pierce seeks community and business leaders to be part of the Steering Committee, conduct “mock interviews,” participate in Presentation Panels to review student projects, and provide internship and/or shadow opportunities for HS seniors. Interested parties should contact Ms. LaBelle-Pierce at jlabelle@maynard.k12.ma.us, or Paul Orzech at porsech@maynard.k12.ma.us.

Complete Streets. Summarized data from the MAPC is on the Town’s website. The Town has applied for a \$49,000 grant to prioritize a Complete Street Program List. This will increase opportunity to access future grant monies.

Cultural District. The application has been submitted to the Commonwealth. Maynard is waiting for a response.

495 MetroWest Suburban Edge Commission. Rep. Hogan gave an update on this Commission. According to the Rep., this Commission is a pilot project to explore how to build consensus on regional public policy and projects outside of the Boston “belt.” The Rep. and Sen. Karen Spilka currently co-chair the Commission. Kevin Sweet is also an appointed member. At present, the group is concentrating on downtown development and transportation, and will meet in Maynard in the coming year. The Rep. will continue to share information on the Commission at future meetings.

Governor Baker’s Economic Dev. Summit: MacKeen reminded members that the Governor’s Economic Development Summit has been moved from Holy Cross to the DCU Center. It’s from 1 to 4 pm. on October 19th. For additional information, contact Molly Bourque at molly.p.bourque@state.ma.us.

BEEP Proposal for Pedestrian Protection at 51-R Main St. for the External Seating Area at El Huipil. Tim Hess (Architect) and Alonso Moreno (El Huipil Mexican Restaurant), presented a BEEP application to cover half the price (\$3000) of the pedestrian safety bollards in El Huipil’s approved outside eating area. There was some concern, as voiced by Calabria, that a potentially tricky precedent was being set. Not only did the Town give permission to El Huipil to use public property for free, but additionally, public funds would be used to retrofit the space. In general the group supports programs that improve “image” for the basin, and recognized the fact that both Hess and Moreno had been working on the project for months, and in “good faith,” had attended multiple meetings. MacKeen suggested that we address the issue of BEEP procedure, policy, objectives, and goals at the next MEDC Meeting. A motion was moved by Cressy to approve the BEEP Application, and was seconded by Thayer. At Scribner-McLean’s

suggestion, the motion was modified to fund 50% of Il Huipel's BEEP Application to a maximum of \$3000. The motion was modified, and the MEDC voted unanimously to support the venture.

"Basin" White Paper and Correspondence to the BOS. MacKeen presented a Basin White Paper, coupled with a proposed letter to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Discussion occurred, and the general consensus was to ask for the BOS's support to begin work on Basin enhancement before Master Plan revision. Scribner-McClean made a motion to send the letter and white paper to the BOS. Thayer seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to support this action.

Mill & Main Update. Scribner-McClean informed the group that Lincoln Properties is currently managing Mill & Main, under the supervision of Paul Sullivan, a Sr. Facilities Manager. Their immediate short term goal is to increase occupancy. Although management has changed, ownership remains the same. Saracen owns 20% of the property, while Artemis owns 80% of the property.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.