

## **APPROVED Minutes of 5.23.17 Maynard Economic Development Commission**

Gianotis Room, Maynard Town Building, 8 am.

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Meeting called to order at 8:05 am.

**Members present:** Chris Worthy, Bill Nemser, Lynda Thayer, Rep. Kate Hogan, Dick Downey, Sarah Cressy, Jerry Culbert, Andrew Scribner-MacLean, and Ron Calabria.

**Members absent:** Jack MacKeen and Paul Nickelsberg

### **Minutes:**

*Motion made and seconded to approve 5.9.17 minutes as presented. Minutes unanimously approved.*

**Business Database/CBD Map.** Downey reported that funding, via the BEEP, for the database portion was recently approved by the BOS. According to Downey, the next step is to hire a graphic artist to integrate database info onto the GIS Map. Downey distributed UMASS Lowell's Campus Map as a visual example. Meanwhile, David Griffin is tying the database into Google. Rep. Hogan suggested that the project be tied into social media, and should be able to be scaled up into other promotional projects.

**Bike Racks:** Aaron Miklosko (DPW) recently met with Robin (co-author of Bike Rack BEEP Proposal) to discuss their proposal. While Aaron supports the concept, after a full review, he believes that some of the proposed sites will not work. At present, due to the lack of installation costs, the "bike rack" BEEP proposal has not been approved. The following still needs to be defined—the number and kind of racks, the cost of the racks, and the installation costs. The MEDC will rely on DPW for defining the "best locations." Downey asked how this bike rack proposal fits into the larger picture, including Rail Trail Rack Installation, and specifically asked who would coordinate and have final authority. Nemser said that Aaron will do most of the coordination, but that he would be willing to take authority and be the "point person" on the bike rack program.

*A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to give Nemser the authority to be the "point person" on the bike rack programs.*

**Bike Share Open House.** The Town's currently considering the possibility of partnering with Acton with a Zagster Bike Share Plan. Nemser encouraged members to attend the Zagster presentation on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm., at Mill & Main. The proposal at present considers two 5-bike stations—one at Mill & Main and the other TBA. Cressy asked if Maynard needed two stations, and suggested that perhaps only one was needed, at Mill & Main, to support transport to and from the Acton T Stations. Calabria voiced some concern over public safety, and Thayer mentioned the need for improved bike safety education. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

Scribner-MacLean mentioned that the comprehensive town plan should also provide additional direction on intermodal education, complete streets, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

*Minutes submitted by Sarah Cressy*