

**Town of Dudley
Massachusetts
Economic Development Committee
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street
Dudley, MA 01571**

John Briare, Chairman
Marcia Wagner, Secretary
Todd Donohoe, Treasurer

Barbara Zurawski, Vice Chairman
Ellen Laprise, Clerk
Jo-Ann Szymczak, Member

**Economic Development Committee
June 23, 2016 Minutes**

Present: John Briare, Todd Donohoe, Barbara Zurawski, Ellen Laprise, Marcia Wagner

Motion was made by Todd Donohoe to open the Dudley Economic Development meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion 2nd by Marcia Wagner. All members were in favor.

Meeting was opened at 9:02 by Chairman, John Briare.

No minutes were provided for acceptance.

Reorganization of Officers: John Briare was nominated as Chairman by Marcia Wagner and 2nd by Ellen Laprise. John accepted and vote was unanimous. Todd Donohoe nominated Barbara Zurawski as Vice Chairperson, 2nd by Ellen Laprise. Vote was unanimous. Ellen Laprise nominated Marcia Wagner for Secretary, 2nd by Todd Donohoe, vote was unanimous. Ellen Laprise nominated Todd Donohoe for Treasurer, 2nd by John Briare, vote was unanimous. John Briare nominated Ellen Laprise for Clerk, 2nd by Todd Donohoe, vote was unanimous.

Old Business: Update on progress of town brochure. Discussed was content of brochure and exact purpose of map. It was agreed that the map should be geared to both business and what is available in town. Theme of brochure remains “ Live, Work and Play” and should be transferred to our website as well. John Briare suggested setting up two teams, one to handle mapping out the brochure and another the website. John and Todd will work on the website, John will work with Deb Thibodeau on the data site. Ellen Laprise and Barbara Zurawski will work on the brochures. Teams were reminded to keep Open Meeting Law requirements in the process

New Business: Schedule of DEDC meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. John Briare brought up the suggestion of having an internet exchange location in the town. Todd Donohoe made a motion to ask the BOS and police chief to set up a free safe zone under video surveillance to conduct internet transactions for the safety of Dudley residents. Motion was second by Marcia Wagner, vote was unanimous.

Member Comments: Todd Donohoe asked what defines the center of Dudley and how does the community want to be defined.

Marcia Wagner noted the findings of the Master Plan, the Community Development Plan of 2010 and the two more recent forums conducted by the EDC. Consensus is that townspeople wish to see Dudley retain its rural characteristics while acknowledging that economic development in the existing areas of infrastructure is crucial in obtaining needed revenue.

In regards to industrial economic development John will speak with RAMCO about their plans for the potential of an industrial park site.

Barbara Zurawski feels it is important to continue to invite local businesses to our meetings.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made at 9:58 by Todd Donohoe, second by Ellen Laprise