

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

Jo-Ann Szymczak, Chairman
Marcia Wagner, Secretary
Barbara Zurawski, Member

Robert Chalue, Vice Chairman
Ellen Laprise, Clerk

Economic Development Committee
July 10, 2014 Minutes

Present: Barbara Zurawski, Ellen Laprise, Marcia Wagner

Minutes of April 3, 2014 meeting read and accepted by Ellen Laprise and 2nd by Barbara Zurawski

Guest: New town Administrator, Greg Balukonis expressed his desire to assist with economic development stressing various issues.

1. Available land and buildings
2. Research efforts put together by similar communities
3. Support of town Planner to assist in development efforts
4. Reaching out to Mass Office of Business Development for information on businesses looking to expand and relocate
5. Market studies, what types of businesses would be suitable.

The Committee apprised Mr. Balukonis of our efforts under way to address these issues which include contact with MOBD, results of Spot Light on Dudley and feedback from various boards regarding infrastructure limitations, Board of Selectmen approving the production of a town brochure, improving our website and town meeting approval of new zoning in the Schofield Ave industrial area. Mr. Balukonis also mentioned Dudley's advantage of low real taxes, the need to identify the top priority areas for business growth and the availability of survey tools at no cost.

Guest: Jim Perry of Technoleasy and who will become a new member of our committee. Mr. Perry itemized his idea to update our town website in two areas. One by showcasing a specific business each month and second, highlighting available locations or buildings.

Barbara Zurawski pointed to the importance of a media friendly website.

New Business: Ellen Laprise announced Dudley Appreciation Day on August 5th provided by Nichols College. Town employees, board and committee members are invited each year to this event. She also noted that Dudley Beach was officially open today, July 10th with Life Guards on duty.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25 by Barbara Zurawski, 2nd by Ellen Laprise

