

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

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

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

Economic Development Committee
July 21, 2016 Minutes

Present: John Briare, Todd Donohue, Barbara Zurawski, Ellen Laprise

Meeting was opened at 9:00 by Chairman, John Briare with Pledge of Allegiance

No minutes were provided for acceptance.

Old Business: Update on progress of town brochure. Several quotes have been submitted by various printing companies. Content of the brochure was discussed relating to zoning map, selection of businesses that have made donations who may be included on brochure. Todd Donohue made a motion to empower members of the board to go forward and draft plans. Motion was second by Barbara Zurawski. Motion was agreed upon unanimously.

New Business: Discussion of the internet safe zone that was presented to the Board of Selectmen was brought forward which received great support by the Board and Chief of Police. There was further discussion of the location and the fact that the site is to be used on a voluntary basis. Todd made a recommendation that the site be referred to as video surveillance rather than safe zone. Town Counsel will be consulted regarding disclaimer.

The Board will review the existing mission statement of the Economic Development Committee to familiarize the newer members and make any necessary changes to the statement.

Todd Donohue mentioned Sturbridge Coffee Roasters as the town's newest business. Barbara Zurawski brought up the town beach committee. Other members saw the beach to be a possible economic opportunity and suggested inviting the Beach Committee to an Economic meeting.

John Briare brought focus to State Mandates, specifically 40B housing and the strain on towns. He suggested a future project would be to certify that Dudley has existing requirements to be exempt from further mandates.

Ellen Laprise would like to see more housing for 55 and over. She would welcome the town's facilitating doctors who specialize in research of Lyme disease.

John Briare recommended sending a thank you to the Wieloch family for their donation of 87 acres to the Dudley Conservation Land Trust. The Land Trust and Dudley Women's Club will be sponsoring a Garden Tour to benefit the Land Trust.

Todd Donohue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59. Motion was second by Barbara Zurawski