

Town of Dudley, Massachusetts

Economic Development Committee

Dudley Municipal Complex

71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571

John Briare, Chairman

Todd Donohoe, Treasurer

Jo-Ann Szymczak

Ellen Laprise, Clerk

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Marcia Wagner, Secretary

Pamela Boggio, Vice Chairmen

Russ Giglio – Alternate

Brian LaBrec - Alternate

Meeting Minutes Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2017

March 20, 2018 meeting was open at 10:03 with pledge of allegiance.

Present: John Briare, JoAnn Szymczak, Ellen Laprise, Todd Donoho and P J Boggio

Guest: Don Johnson, Town Planner

New Business: Nomination of two alternate committee members who are authorized to vote when a quorum is not reached by attending committee members. JoAnn nominated Russ Giglio, 2nd by Ellen Laprise, vote was unanimous. JoAnn nominated Brian Labrec, 2nd by P J Boggio.

Don Johnson explained to that the town was awarded funding for the second phase of the CMRPC Economic Development assistance program. Phase one consisted of an inventory of town assets. Phase two will consist of affectively developing and implementing those assets. Analysis will be made of what is stopping growth, emphasis on commercial development of West Main Street and Schofield Avenue, and workshops that include agricultural growth. Mr. Johnson mentioned that there may be Federal funding for some of the anticipated projects.

Town Warrant: As part of the Implementation of the 5 year EDC Plan, John Briare proposed two separate articles for town warrant. A Recreation Commission to oversee, improve and make proposals for town beaches, rail trail, river ways and special events. He proposes this commission include the town administrator, a member of the highway. The board recommended that this commission include five members. JoAnn Szymczak made a motion to bring to the Board of Selectmen for approval on town warrant the establishment of a new five-member Recreation Commission, 2nd by Todd Donohoe, approval by board unanimous.

The second commission proposed was for agriculture which would include three town residential farm owners and two additional members. There was much approval on the town survey for focus on Dudley's acreage of farmland. JoAnn Szymczak made a motion to bring to the Board of Selectmen for approval on town warrant the establishment of a new five-member commission for agriculture, 2nd by Todd Donohoe, approved by board unanimous.

School Funding: Separating town and school taxes. John has brought together the State Auditor, Boards of Selectmen from Dudley and Charlton as well as members of the Dudley, Charlton School District and the Town Administrator for a meeting to be held April 5, 2018 at 1:00 pm for the purpose of getting legislation drafted for the funding formula of the school budget to be separate from the town budget. John also mentioned that currently the state only pays 70% of its share, there will be focus on how to implement the state to pay 100% of its share.

Old Business: John Briare made a motion to discontinue the efforts to produce a town brochure, JoAnn Szymczak seconded the motion. The Committee vote was unanimous.

Announcements: New store to come in at the plaza on 4 Airport Road. Solar Array proposed for 99 Ramshorn Road hearing on April 11th, Jesse Road proposed 20 unit subdivision and a 55+ Subdivision is being proposed off of Airport Road.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12. Motion by JoAnn Szymczak, 2nd by Todd Donohoe