

# **Town of Dudley, Massachusetts**

## **Economic Development Committee**

**Dudley Municipal Complex**

**71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571**

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## **Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2018**

Meeting began at 10:00 am with pledge of allegiance

Present: John Briare, JoAnn Szymczak, Todd Donohoe, P J Boggio, Russ Giglio

Guest: Don Johnson, Town Planner and Ron Barron of Central Mass Regional Planning Commission

Ron Barron advised that there has been funding for Phase 2 of the Five-Year economic development plan. Phase 2 will involve three prong focus groups: Outreach for development of Rt 12 and West Main Street, Nichols College area and Agriculture. The time line for this phase will be the end of October to provide a report by December of 2018. Mr. Barron also addressed the possible state grant which entails possible funding of approximately \$50,000 with projects combining the neighboring town of Webster. CMRPC will require a letter of support from the town of Dudley as they move forward.

A vote to approve and accept Phase 1 as it was presented. Motion made by P J Boggio, second by Todd Donohoe. John will advise the BOS of the phase 1 recommendations.

Old Business: John explained that although he had reached out to many state officials and departments regarding regional school funding and Chapter 70 he only received one response. According to the House Leadership on Education, one of the proposals on the table regarding the matter is to raise taxes on individuals earning more than a million dollars a year.

John has submitted the Economic Development Committee's Annual Report. He distributed copies to committee for correction or additions.

The articles proposed for the town warrant by the Economic Development Committee were changed from what was submitted by the committee and transcribed on the actual warrant. John is looking into whether or not it can be corrected in time for the upcoming town meeting.

Further discussion: Village District walk proposed by CMRPC for lower West Main Street. Proposed Solar Farm below Patridge Hill Road pending completion of the roadway on Patridge Hill.

New Business: JoAnn proposed the committee produce a quarterly TV program on local cable access to promote and showcase sites for commercial real estate development, provide financial information and explain zoning requirements. The committee all agreed that this would be a beneficial undertaking.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56, motion by Todd Donohue, second by PJ Boggio