



Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

8 August 2017

Memorial Town Hall

7:00 P.M. – General Meeting ~2d Floor Meeting Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: STEVE SADLER, CH., JOE BONAVIDA, SELECTMEN'S REP., WAYNE SNOW, JAMES LACEY, CHARLES DURNEY, MATTHEW BOURASSA

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: JOHN CASHELL, TOWN PLANNER

1. Discussion on Town owned land.

During this discussion item, Mr. Cashell presented additional findings about the Town-owned 26 acre parcel off National Avenue. The EDC decided to have Mr. Cashell present his findings about the subject parcel to the Board of Selectmen, with the intention being that the Selectmen have the parcel appraised by a qualified party, relative to the town determining the highest and best use of the parcel.

The EDC, wanting to review all Town-owned parcels, invited the Town Assessor, Thomas Berube, to this meeting. At the meeting Mr. Berube went over the Town-owned parcels with the members, and it was recognized that that these parcels are limited, relative to producing jobs and expansion of the Town's tax base.

2. Review Status of the Strategic Development Plan.

Discussion on this item was tabled until the next EDC meeting. In the meantime, Chairman Sadler stated that he will try and review the status of the Strategic Development Plan with its lead advocate, former Selectman, Phil Trapani.

3. Update on the Complete Streets Program for Georgetown.

Mr. Cashell reported that the Town's Complete Streets Policy was forwarded to MassDOT for scoring. Note: since the 8 AUG 17 EDC meeting, the Town was notified that its Complete Streets Policy received a score of 96, with 84 needed for approval. Also, over the past several weeks the Town's Complete Streets Strategic Plan was submitted and approved by DOT, and just this week the road improvements projects involving the Fall 2017 Complete Streets Funding Round was submitted by the Town. If approved for this round, Georgetown will be eligible for up to \$400,000. in state provided road improvement funding. Please recognize Pete Durkee for all his hard work in putting the Strategic Plan, together and working in concert with Mike Meyers, a local consulting engineer, specializing in acquiring MASSDOT funding.

4. Continue discussion on the pros and cons of doing business in the Town of Georgetown. – What Works? What doesn't?

The above item was tabled for discussion until the 26 SPE 17 EDC meeting.

With no other items to be reviewed or discussed, adjournment occurred at approximately 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Cashell, Town Planner
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