



Economic Development Committee Minutes

November 21, 2017

Memorial Town Hall

7:00 P.M. – General Meeting ~2nd floor conference room

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

1. Discussion on Town-owned land, including National Avenue Property.

Mr. Cashell reported to the Committee members that Mr. Rizzo submitted to the Planning Board the Land Court required ANR Plan for the multiple parcels he owns along National Ave. He stated that as EDC members would recall from the September 26th meeting, two of the parcels owned by Mr. Rizzo, Parcel "8B" and "8C", are in fact wedge or spite strip lots that specifically prohibit street access onto National Ave. for the 26 acre Town-owned parcel, for which the Committee was seeking to determine a highest and best use. Mr. Cashell stated that he would further report on the status of the Rizzo ANR Plan at the EDC's next scheduled meeting, i.e., 16 JAN 2018.

2. Updated Georgetown Housing Production Plan

Mr. Cashell reported to Committee members that at the Planning Board's 8 NOV 17 meeting, it received a presentation on the Updated Georgetown Housing Production Plan, and favorably recommended its adoption by the BOS. Mr. Cashell stated that the importance in completing this update is to bring up-to-date the status of all existing affordable housing in Georgetown, especially in regard to creating new affordable housing opportunities in Georgetown, as well as making sure that our 40B housing obligations are being achieved.

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

EDC member and Selectman, Joe Bonavita, reported that he has spoken to several Georgetown businessmen over the past several months, and for the next EDC meeting, he'd like to invite a local developer, in order for the Committee members to hear directly from him what he's like to do to help redevelop the Downtown area of Georgetown

4. Update on Complete Streets Program.

The Committee was informed that the Town's Complete Streets application was approved by MassDOT, and as such, the Town was now eligible for an array of federal and state highway improvement funds that it would otherwise not be entitled to apply for. Mr. Cashell reported that Road Agent, Pete Durkee, spearheaded this effort and that he should be commended by the town for his outstanding efforts in achieving this long awaited goal of Georgetown joining the ranks of Certified Complete Street Program communities.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Cashell

Town Planner, Georgetown, MA