

EDC Minutes – 5 September 2013

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 5 September 2013 at the Acton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairperson Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Special Guest: Andy Brockway, Chair of Acton 2020 Committee, Allan Gulliver, Dave Clough, Derrick Chin, Dick Calandrella, Nancy Dinkel, Doug Tindal

Missing: Ann Chang, Larry Kenah, Chris Pappas

Summary

1. Andy Brockway, the newly elected Chairperson of the Acton 2020 Committee, attended and gave us an update on his Committee's progress with the Kelley's Corner RFP process. Andy noted that there are currently 7 members on the Acton 2020 Committee, several of whom are new members. Approximately 20 firms attended the "pre-conference meeting" about the RFP, of which 5 were highly credible firms. Written proposals are due from the firms by September 30th. The Design Selection Committee will study the proposals for about 2 months.

2. Doug Tindal provided Andy and the EDC Committee with a history of previous Kelley's Corner initiatives that span about two decades. Doug pointed out that the land at Kelley's Corner is controlled by private land owners and developers. The Town of Acton does not control any of the land. Doug encouraged Andy to reach out to the private land owners (and community residents) to cultivate a dialogue to develop a shared vision for improvements to Kelley's Corner. Doug questioned the "realism" of this latest Kelley's Corner initiative and encouraged Andy to not lose sight of other areas of Town that need assistance. These areas include, among others, West Acton and South Acton.

The meeting was gaveled to a close at about 9:15 PM.

(Minutes prepared by Allan Gulliver)

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