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EDC Minutes – 19 September 2013

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 19 September 2013 at the Acton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Allan Gulliver, Chris Pappas, Derrick Chin, Dick Calandrella, Larry Kenah, Nancy Dinkel

Missing: Ann Chang, Dave Clough, Doug Tindal

There was no public participation.

Minutes from the meeting of 5 September 2013 were approved.

Agenda Items

Hayward Farms Restaurant

This restaurant is located next to the hockey rink on Route 111 near the Acton-Boxborough line. Helen Canetta did not attend the meeting so there was no discussion.

Existing Business Question

Chris Pappas pointed out that an existing business, a non-profit theater, needs to move and wants to remain in Acton. Chris pointed out some questions that the business owner is dealing with and asked whether EDC should get involved. The question was not answered during the meeting.

EDC Goals

Nancy Dinkel reminded committee members of previous goals that the committee has worked on.

- Create demographics related to Acton businesses
- Develop a market survey
- Pay attention to the concerns of existing businesses

Nancy pointed out that Doug Tindal had sent an email several months ago that contained background material associated with earlier discussions about EDC goals. She asked about a possible new goal for the committee.

- Should EDC visit new businesses to inquire about experiences so far and what the town can do to improve their situation?

Remaining Agenda Items

There were no updates on agenda items #5 through #9.

Administrative Details

- Roland Bartl, Acton Planning Director requested that an EDC member join the committee that will evaluate proposals associated with the Kelley's Corner Initiative. Larry Kenah volunteered for this role.
- Nancy Dinkel reminded the committee that all committee members must attend mandatory training associated with the Open Meeting Law.

In Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

These minutes were recorded by Lawrence J Kenah, EDC Clerk.