

## **Economic Development Committee – Minutes March 10, 2011**

### **From Chris Pappas**

Minutes Approved 7-21-11

Acton Town Hall

Room #121

Attending: Doug Tindal (Chairman), Richard Calandrella, Ann Chang, Nancy Dinkel, Joe Ianelli, and Chris Papathanasiou

Instructions given by Doug Tindal (Chairman) as to the format of the evening's agenda.

Joe Ianelli was asked to be excused at 8:13 PM for personal reasons.

Discussion among the EDC members as to the Historic District Commission's proposing to take pictures of signs within its district for the purpose of signage compliance. West Acton is within the Historic District Commission's jurisdiction and the Historic District Commission may start within that area.

The EDC's Signage Review Panel to coordinate an effort to meet and report to the EDC with a plan as to how to move forward.

The EDC would like to see the signage issues to be resolved within this year. How should the EDC propose to have enforcement of signage bylaws to be carried out? Suggestions were, first, the enforcement officer introduce himself and have a verbal discussion with the proprietor/manager of an establishment about the nonconforming sign. Second, the enforcement officer should follow up with the proprietor/manager with a formal letter on the nonconforming sign.

Members of the EDC have requested that Ms. Leigh Davis-Honn to be invited to remain on the EDC Committee as an Associate Member.

We are currently awaiting demographic information from the Acton 2020 Committee.

A discussion ensued by the EDC members on having the Town of Acton to set aside reserves for purchasing land for, "tactical purposes." To possibly purchase land that will be used for the Town of Acton in the development and sustained growth of businesses. The Open Space Committee takes charge on land preservation.

Moving forward, the EDC has to think of its goals and continual restructure. Bring your thoughts to the next meeting.

The next EDC meeting will be 4/7/11.

Motion to adjourn, Doug Tindal; second the motion, Nancy Dinkel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.