

EDC Minutes – 17 October 2013

These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 17 October 2013 at the Acton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Nancy Dinkel.

Present: Ann Chang, Dave Clough, Derrick Chin, Dick Calandrella, Larry Kenah, Nancy Dinkel

Missing: Allan Gulliver, Chris Pappas, Doug Tindal

There was no public participation.

Minutes from several earlier meetings were approved.

- 20 June
- 9 July
- 25 July
- 19 September

Agenda Items

Update on Kelley's Corner Improvement Selection Committee

Larry Kenah presented a brief update on the Selection Committee appointed by the town manager to review proposals related to the Kelley's Corner Improvement Initiative. The update summary is attached to these minutes.

The committee will be interviewing candidates in the first two weeks in November and passing their recommendations along to the Town Manager shortly after that.

Additional Town Personnel Request

Roland Bartl, Planning Director, asked the EDC for its support for a personnel request to help support the Town's historic preservation and economic development functions". In the discussion that followed, the committee wondered how the position would be used with respect to economic development and, in particular, how the person filling the position would be measured. The committee, through the chair, sent a reply to Mr Bartl asking these questions.

More on Economic Development and Related Matters

In a follow-up discussion, Dave Clough reported that there are currently no zoning articles proposed for either Fall 2013 or Spring 2014. In particular, zoning articles aimed at Kelley's Corner are not likely to appear before Spring 2015.

He also provided the latest on the CVS plans, a meeting with the abutters to explore their concerns. As a result of that meeting, the developer agreed to install a fence between the CVS development and the Beverly Road neighborhood to discourage shoppers from using that neighborhood as an alternate parking area.

Remaining Agenda Items

There were no updates on agenda items #5 through #10.

In Closing

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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

Kelley's Corner Initiative

This update was presented to the Economic Development Committee on 17 October 2013.

Summary

- Four proposals submitted
- Committee is performing a "technical evaluation"
- Sealed bids were delivered separately (not available to committee)
- Final decision to be submitted to Town Manager before Thanksgiving

Team

- Dave Clough (Board of Selectmen)
- Peter Ashton
- Peter Darlow (Design Review Board)
- Jeff Clymer (Planning Board)
- Chris Starr (resident, property owner)
- Margaret Busse (Finance Committee, former Acton 2020 Chair)
- Andy Brockway (Acton 2020 Chair)
- Larry Kenah (Economic Development Committee)
- Eric Solomon (Acton 2020, neighbor)

Assisted by ...

- Roland Bartl
- Kristen Domurad-Guichard

Schedule

- Calling references
 - Next couple of weeks
- Candidate interviews
 - First two weeks in November
- Final decision
 - Middle of November
 - Delivered to Town Manager