

TOWN OF STOW
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Economic Development and Industrial Commission Meeting

Members Present: Tom Farnsworth, Jen Gero, Serena Howlett, Andrew Bluestein

Absent: Kevin Whalen, Bob Collings, Jean-Claude Sureau

Tom Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Discussion of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of January 24, 2019

Serena Howlett moved to approve the minutes as written.

Andrew Bluestein Seconded.

VOTED: (4-0) Unanimously in favor (Tom Farnsworth, Jen Gero, Serena Howlett, Andrew Bluestein - Yea).

Public Input

None.

Members' Updates

Serena Howlett asked for clarification of the responsibilities of the Lower Village Revitalization Subcommittee (LVRS) and their similarities to the EDIC's tasks. Valerie Oorthuys said LVRS was formed by the Planning Board to forward the Lower Village planning process by assisting with the Lower Village Business District Assessment and Market Analysis and to provide the Board with zoning recommendations based on that report. While the Business District Assessment and Market Analysis was also supported by the EDIC, the EDIC's focus is to support the business community town-wide through mechanisms including and beyond zoning updates.

Jen Gero said that the Bolton Economic Development Commission has previously been willing to meet with Stow's EDIC to discuss common concerns, namely the effect on local businesses of not having a public water supply available. The EDIC briefly discussed the need of a public water supply in Stow, agreeing that a feasibility study would be beneficial to answer key questions around the cost and administration of a public water supply and its potential effect on development in Lower Village.

Sign Bylaw

The EDIC continued to discuss the common interests between the Commission and the LVRS, with several members noting an interest in working on mixed use and village center zoning in Lower Village rather than the Sign Bylaw. The EDIC agreed to discuss their work plan further at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Oorthuys