

TOWN OF STOW
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 25, 2019 Economic Development and Industrial Commission Meeting

Members Present: Kevin Whalen, Tom Farnsworth, Bob Collings, Serena Howlett, Andrew Bluestein

Absent: Jen Gero

Kevin Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Discussion of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of April 25, 2019

Bob Collings moved to approve the minutes as written.

Tom Farnsworth Seconded.

VOTED: (5-0) Unanimously in favor (Kevin Whalen, Bob Collings, Tom Farnsworth, Andrew Bluestein, Serena Howlett- Yea).

Minutes of May 9, 2019

Bob Collings moved to approve the minutes as written.

Tom Farnsworth Seconded.

VOTED: (5-0) Unanimously in favor (Kevin Whalen, Bob Collings, Tom Farnsworth, Andrew Bluestein, Serena Howlett- Yea).

Public Input

None.

Member Updates

Kevin Whalen said the new manager of Shaw's in Lower Village is hosting Plaza Day on August 3, with proceeds going to Stow's Council on Aging. Andrew Bluestein added that the manager is coming to Stow from the Leominster store. The event will include tastings of donated food from vendors, held in the grassy area between the store and Samuel Prescott Drive.

Kevin Whalen said that the Commission has received Jean-Claude Sureau's resignation, and would like to know whether members would like to continue as a 7 or 5 member Commission. Members agreed the EDIC should remain as a 7 member Commission.

Planner's Updates

Lower Village Traffic Safety Improvement Project

Valerie Oorthuys said that construction in Lower Village has begun, and significant completion is estimated for November 15, 2019.

CrossTown Connect Pilot Program

Valerie Oorthuys said that Representative Kate Hogan and the Board of Selectmen are pursuing a pilot program with CrossTown Connect, a private shuttle service that would connect Stow residents to the South Acton commuter rail station. Serena Howlett noted Concord's success in

a private shuttle service transporting residents from Crosby's Marketplace in Concord to the Prudential Center in Boston.

Lower Village Revitalization Subcommittee Final Report

Valerie Oorthuys provided the EDIC with the Lower Village Revitalization Subcommittee's Final Report, finalized at the end of May 2019. The EDIC discussed the recommendations around identifying approaches for public water infrastructure in the Lower Village Business District.

Golf Course Planning Process

Valerie Oorthuys said the Planning and Conservation Departments have begun a planning process around future land uses in Stow's residentially-zoned golf courses. A recent public forum was well attended and provided information about the existing conditions of the 3 parcels, currently allowed uses through zoning, and introduced a visioning process around potential development scenarios.

Debrief of Job Fair

The EDIC agreed to debrief May's Job Fair when all members are present.

Annual Work Plan

Valerie Oorthuys provided the EDIC with a memo from staff regarding suggested tasks to pursue in the coming year. The EDIC reviewed the list and agreed to prioritize and select tasks at their next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Oorthuys