

TOWN OF WAYLAND
MEETING MINUTES OF TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

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NAME OF BOARD/COMM: **Wayland Economic Development Committee**

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, April 5, 2018

TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Wayland Town Building

ATTENDEES: Kamal Namou, Andrew Oppenheim, Seth Roman , Ryan Scott,
Rebecca Stanizzi, Frank

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Cherry Karlson, Sarkis Sarkisian

AGENDA

Meeting called to order 8:10am.

1) Public Comment

Meeting with Zurich (Doug Levine) for capacity of waste water. Need to find out costs and any possible issues that could occur.

Nail Salon and Sperry's want to expand. Might involve moving cleaner's location. May need assistance.

Raytheon overly cautious and continuing to clean area. Playground?

Rebecca recommends member of EDC put on COCC.

Library: Trustees meeting yesterday, not ready to move forward yet. Looking for expansion possibilities. State grant is off the table now. Town can go in with a smaller plan (X square feet, room sizes). New facility is still possible but something needs to change.

Community Center: Moving to select an architect. Cherry hopes that we can close the article soon and begin designs for property.

School Buses: Barry Laurien might want to make a deal to pay for land next to Papa Gino's on route 20. Herb Chambers knocking on door for area. Doug on top of situation.

Motion was made by Seth Roman for EDC to support articles for acquisition of parcels and design for community center. Seconded by Ryan Scott. Approved 5-0. Recommended as highly cost-effective way to produce well-positioned, useful town community assets (community center and park).

Sarkis Sarkisian raised topic that the government housing on Oxbow Road is going to be sold in near future, and potential use as affordable housing. Info hearing March 19 at Army Labs in Natick.

2) Approve Meeting Minutes: December 13, 2017, January 25, 2018

Minutes to be reviewed next meeting. Meeting minutes process updated with new members to expedite minutes to complete during the meeting for circulation immediately after, to streamline review and approval.

3) River's Edge Wayland

a) River's Edge Advisory Committee

Waiting for DEP to issue approval to proceed with asbestos removal so that remainder of due diligence testing can be completed. Water line design work pending award of funds from state for completion of that work. Wood Partners looking ahead to Planning Board and Conservation Commission reviews.

4) Business Community Issues

- a) Town Center storefronts – Leasing agent not identified yet. Sewer capacity granted for restaurant. Sarkis pushing for meeting with BOS, EDC for update/plan from Zurich. Hardware store designed for second floor, talked to them about interests. Children's Way could be a good fit. Office and residential locations are doing the best at town center, this can support the retail.
- b) Town Branding – Not much movement. Can we get additional 27,000 square feet filled? We might need to change zoning area. Can we grant FER, can we accept grants (gifted?).
- c) Rail Trail update -- Paving will be completed July 1st. Mound of junk on plain road that needs to be removed. \$250,000 in gift fund that selectman holding. Build bridge from Russell's on and then national grid can take it over from there (at least that's the plan).
- d) Wayland Business Association – no update
- e) Route 20 Wastewater – looking at potential use in Route 20 corridor. Sarkis & Paul Brinkman to study sewer/buildout over next 2-3 months. We hope to get it going in a month. Permit will take a while to attain. Shooting for more answers by the end of the month so that more spaces can be filled in square footage of town center and along route 20.
- f) Fresh Market / Former Whole Foods site update – Kamal spoke with leasing agent Chris McMahon. Received marketing brochure for non-Fresh Market spaces. Tenants need to know anchor. Atlantic handling Fresh Market sublease, contact Ben Starr. Landlord Katz Properties. 21,000 square foot location. Need to reach out to Fresh Market to get this situation moving forward, find point of contact. Owned by private equity firm.
- g) Rivers Edge has been moving along slowly. May cost money to put together plans for units so that we can units to count for the 40B process. No new developments, need to figure out if there have been talks with construction companies.
- h) Trinity church discussing tearing down and building new parking. Maybe affordable housing? Church doesn't want to give up any property, can we move building closer to the street to gain meaningful parking. Make new offices and rent spaces for business, law offices in order to get revenue for the church. No CPC money.

5) Town Center Municipal Pad

- a) Senior/Community Center update – discussed above

6) Motion to Adjourn @ 9:15 am, seconded, approved 5-0

Next meeting May 3 @ 8:00 am.