

EDC Meeting of August 25th

Called to order at 7:43 PM

Quorum Present by roll call vote: Rich Guzzardi-Aye, Mark White-Aye, Joe Ferguson-Aye, John Neyland-Aye, Kristen Hilberg-Aye

Also present: Dr. John Mullin (UMASS), Dr. Henry Renski (UMASS), Cindy Marowitz, Simon Corson (Town Planner), John Markeiwicz (Select Board), Sue Schmidt

Dr. Renski gave brief update on current state of market research.

Decision was made to set dates for Charettes on 9/24 @ 6:30PM and 10/3 @ 9:30 AM, assumption is both Charettes will go for approx 2.5 hrs or longer if needed.

Dr. Mullin spoke regarding Charettes, Stressed “clarity of purpose”. Charettes should be “Decisional”, i.e not about taxes. They should also be “Decisional” as in attempting make decisions.

Mr. White recommended to “Try to keep it simple”

Mr. Corson will attempt to record the Charettes.

A proper handout will be important, Ms. Willis will work with Ms. Hilberg on website and social media and distribution of the handout.

Dr. Mullin will work with Mr. Corson to come up with a 1 page document to summarize the issues.

Various methods of communicating with the community to get the word out were discussed, beyond the Town Website and Facebook page, i.e. neighborhood networks, NextDoor, personal emails and whatever else we could think of.

Ms. Willis joined the meeting at 8:58PM

Motion was made by Mr White to approve the minutes of August 4th, 2020, Seconded by K Hilberg, Rich Guzzardi-Aye, Mark White-Aye, John Neyland-Aye, Kristen Hilberg-Aye, Dawn Willis-Aye, Joe Ferguson-Aye

~~Short discussion on Re-Map Grant.~~

Correspondence and New Business:

Someone had expressed interest in the possibility of a restaurant at 240 Littleton County Rd

MA Development Grant: Mr. Corson informed us that he and the Town Administrator (TA) are pursuing the Mass Development Grant, which would have a focus on Cisco Campus for market study, they are “working on it right now”.

Ms. Markowitz asked Mr. Corson if there were any “strings attached”. Mr. Corson replied there are ways to do it without strings attached. Mr. Neyland offered to help.

Cisco beaver Brook Update: TA had an advisory call on the 20th August with Scott Ross and Cisco’s broker (Jones, Lang, Lassalle – JLL). They advised that a sale was possible by the end of the year.

Action Items:

Doing Business in Boxborough: Mr. Corson is working on a flow chart, Mr. Neyland says no contacts made to date

Upcoming Meetings: tentatively scheduled for 9/3/20, 9/17/20, 10/1 or possibly 10/15/20

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr White, seconded by Mr. Guzzardi

Rich Guzzardi-Aye, Mark White-Aye, Joe Ferguson-Aye, John Neyland-Aye, Kristen Hilberg-Aye, Dawn Willis-Aye