

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. in the Select Board room. Present were: Evan Belansky, Amy Brearley, Brian Carbone, Mark DeCourcy, Ed Gundrum, and Marlene Hoyt

Also present were: Planning and Land Use Director Paul Materazzo, and Director of Business, Arts and Cultural Development, Ann Ormond.

Introductions

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

Town Updates

Master Plan – Staff provided updates on work to date on the master plan. All EDC members are invited to the Visioning meeting on September 28th at 7 PM. Members asked staff to think about how what exact data we will use to measure success. Amy a member of the master plan committee added that the master plan will be the guiding document with a detailed action plan.

Downtown Parking Lot Reconstruction – Staff provided an over view of the parking lot construction project behind Old Town Hall. After delays with the gas crisis and Covid this important economic development project will be underway shortly. The project will improve the pedestrian experience, expand sidewalk width and add an amenity space which can be programmed with special events and activities.

Town Yard Re-Development – Staff provided an update on this project. The Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) is in the final approval stage. The permitting process will begin after the LDA is signed. The plan has evolved and the plan will be shared with EDC when available. Minco Development has acquired 5 additional properties adjacent to the town yard which will allow for the project scale to be larger, especially in the public space area. EDC may be asked to lend their support of the project as we move through the process.

Small Business Roundtable – Staff noted that monthly small business meetings are being held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:30 AM. EDC members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings to hear the concerns of the small business owners. Ed asked what about the larger companies. Ann stated that meetings have been held over the past few months with many of the larger companies and will continue through efforts with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and the Targeted Economic Development Program. Paul noted that the Merrimack Valley TMA are holding monthly “Walk Wednesday” events out in the River Road corridor. All are invited to attend. Ann will share the invitation with EDC. Ann also gave an update on the arts and culture strategy and events.

Other Updates – Staff gave brief updates on the following town projects.

Shawsheen River Master Plan

Vicor Expansion

305 North Main Street

Andover Landing

Phillips Academy Music Building

One Corporate Drive

140 Haverhill Street

Phillips North America campus

300 Minuteman Park

Residential Subdivisions – Sellers Farm and 22 William Street

1320 South Street

There was discussion on topics for future meeting such as Town Meeting articles – Percent for Art, Zoning and others.

Election of Chair

Discussion on the need for a Chair and Vice Chair of the committee took place. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Evan Belansky as Chair of EDC. Motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that we would discuss a nomination for Vice Chair at our September meeting.

Meeting Frequency

The members decided that they would meet monthly on the third Friday of the Month at 8 AM at Town offices.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.