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Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Committee
Thursday, August 7, 2014
Town Hall, Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Attending: Tom Barry (Chairman), Ron Caterino, Bill Nussbum (via Telephone), Eli Demetri, Tom West, Jodi Ross, and Pertti Vulli.

The meeting came to order at 8:17 AM.

Administrative Items:

The minutes of 07/17/14 EDC meeting were approved unanimously with one abstention.

Jodi clarified the Open Meeting Law requirements

The Knight Project

David Christiana, Westford firefighter working on "The Knight Project" discussed his interest in the *Westford Remembers Memorial Fund*, Dave explained that the Knight site is not only of historic value to the town, but is of economic value as well. Dave asked the EDC support of the project. While not a vote, the EDC agreed that the Knight project was important to preserve part of the history of the town.

Middlesex 3 Coalition

The EDC unanimously approved joining the Middlesex 3 Coalition. Jodi will follow up with the coalition to confirm that Westford will have a seat on the Board.

Available commercial/retail/industrial space availability in Westford

Ron Caterino reported no progress since the last meeting

Westford Business Association

Bill Nussbum gave an update about the progress of WBA. The formal kickoff is now scheduled to take place at the Westford Regency on Wednesday morning, October 1, 2014.

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Ron Caterino reported his findings. It was agreed that the EDC would make its recommendations to proceed to the Board of Selectman at their September 16th meeting and that it would be funded by support agencies with the remaining portion placed in next year's budget.

Village meetings:

Tom and Pertti reported that questions have been drafted. Primary concerns were the density of zoning in Forge Village, multi-use zoning and the need to maintain the character of the Village. The first meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2014 with the Forge Village Association at 7:00PM at the Cameron Senior Center. It was suggested by Jodi that we attempt to draw a broader participation than just the existing association participants via public relations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barry, Economic Development Committee Chair