



Economic Development Committee Minutes

2 June 2023

1:00 PM

These are the minutes of the EDC meeting of 6/2/23, in Meeting room 9 at the town hall.

Called to Order: 1:06 pm

EDC Members Present: Catherine Usoff, Dan Malloy, Mike Majors, Shirley Ming, Michael Carpenter, Patty Sutherland, Ann Chang, David Cote

EDC Members Absent: None

Also present: Julie Pierce, KJ Herther, Fran Arsenault, David Didriksen

Preliminaries

Call the Roll – attendance is noted above

1. Regular Business

- Review of meeting minutes from previous meetings

14 April 2023 Meeting minutes were approved by all members in attendance.

2. New/Special Business –

Catherine began the meeting by recognizing Dave D. for his service as a long-time member who brought the valuable perspective of having been a business owner in Acton. Dave resigned from the committee because he moved out of Acton recently.

Ann mentioned that EDC need a liaison from planning board as source of information sharing. Catherine or Julie will check in with the planning board to see what the situation is. There was a planning board member who was engaging with EDC, but he has not been active recently.

Committee members reflected on why the article regarding 3 & 13 School Street Proposal failed to pass at the town meeting. One reason might have been that a developer's proposal was not shared widely with residents and therefore, there was not a clear vision of what the space could be. Opposition from church members and a tenant of Exchange Hall who are currently using the parking lot played a part. It is not clear what the future holds for that stretch of School Street.

The committee discussed some of the things that need to happen to realize the potential of South Acton as a more vibrant residential and commercial area of town.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Upcoming meetings and Action Items Identified in this Meeting:

There was no discussion at the meeting of when the next meeting would be.

Action item: Julie or Catherine to inquire of planning board about representative to the committee.

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