

Belmont Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/1/11

Attendees: Lalig Musserian, Angelo Firenze, Edmund Starzec, Erik Rhodin, Anthony Leccese, Jay Szklut, Andres Rojas, Tommasina Olson

Absent: Steve Savarese

Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Lalig Musserian.
- Minutes from 11/17/11 were reviewed. Motion was made by Andy to accept Minutes and the motion was seconded by Tony Leccese. Minutes were accepted.
- EDAC discussed the need to keep consistently updated on the activities and calendar for the Planning Board so we can stay in sync on what Planning Board is doing and vice versa.
- Lalig suggested that we add a standard EDAC Agenda item to have Andy Rojas, Vice Chair of the Planning Board, give a bi-weekly update on the Planning Board activities and upcoming calendar. We will add this as an Agenda item going forward.
- We also discussed ways in which EDAC and Planning Board can coordinate, including EDAC reviews of economic impact statements which are presented to the Planning Board. The purpose of this would be to make sure EDAC is aware of development requests presented to the Planning Board, and also has an opportunity to review and comment on these requests vis-à-vis economic development in Belmont.
- EDAC also discussed ways in which resident feedback or input on development projects can be managed so while resident comments are incorporated into design considerations, we are being mindful of economic impacts and timeframes and moving towards expedited decision making. Andy mentioned that the Public Forum process has been working well, particularly as it pertains to the South Pleasant Street development planning.
- EDAC also agreed that if the committee received any feedback on development proposals or any other resident comments relative to

development in general, such comments would be documented in an Advisory memo and sent to the Planning Board from EDAC.

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- Angelo Firenze read a letter he had received from Roche Brothers. This business entity is interested in building a supermarket on the site of the old MDC Skating Rink on Route 2. Angelo will call Roche Brothers and acknowledge receipt of the letter, while Ed Starzec continues to research process for development in Belmont on state owned land.

Next Steps:

- 2 Ed Starzec to research process on development on State owned land and report back to EDAC on 12/15/11
 - 2 Angelo to call additional potential EDAC members whose names were suggested, and present updates at 12/15/11 meeting
 - 2 EDAC members to continue discussions on EDAC Mandate and Charter from Board of Selectmen
- Discuss Purecoat LLC Site as next potential development area

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 AM

Next Meeting: December 15 @ 8:00 am
Room 1, Belmont Town Hall

All meeting materials are on file at the Office of Planning and Economic Development in the Town Hall

Minutes prepared by Lalg Musserian