

Belmont Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/15/11

Attendees: Lalg Musserian, Angelo Firenze, Edmund Starzec, Erik Rhodin, Anthony Leccese, Jay Szklut, Andres Rojas, Tomi Olson, Keith Andre

Absent: Steve Savarese

Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 8:09 am by Lalg Musserian.
- Minutes from 12/1/11 were reviewed. A correction was made to replace "Public Hearing" with "Public Forum" in the 6th Bullet of the Minutes. Motion was made by Tony to accept Minutes as revised, and the motion was seconded by Andy Rojas. Minutes were accepted as corrected.
- A motion was made by Angelo for a new EDAC Committee appointment for Keith Andre, who is from Belmont Savings Bank, and who was in attendance at this meeting. Motion was seconded by Andy Rojas. The Board of Selectmen will formally appoint Keith Andre to EDAC at their next meeting.
- A potential new EDAC member, Jeff Nadherny, was introduced by Angelo. Jeff is a local developer and he was invited by Angelo to sit in at this meeting to observe.
- Andy gave a Planning Board update. The Cushing Village submission to the Planning Board is expected in the near future and Andy will let EDAC know what kind of public forums or hearings will be set up for this development project. Andy also mentioned there was another schedule being developed for the Public Forums for the S. Pleasant Street development, and suggested EDAC members attend these Forums.
- Andy also mentioned a Solar Panel By-Law which will be presented to Town Meeting possibly in January.
- With Bob Mahoney's resignation from EDAC, a motion was made to officially make Lalg Co-Chair of EDAC. The motion was seconded by Andy. There were no objections, and Lalg became the official Co-Chair of EDAC.

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- The Committee also discussed the well-known parking challenges in Belmont, and discussed how this single issue is a critical aspect for economic development in the town.
- This issue needs to be addressed as a town-wide issue and while there were parking studies and other efforts underway, it was decided that EDAC needed to be engaged in this initiative, and Tomi Olson and Tony Leccese will work together as an EDAC sub-committee to review current status of various efforts and come up with some proposals for EDAC.
- Regarding the MDC Skating Rink, EDAC will need to make a formal recommendation to Board of Selectmen as to whether this should be developed. The Committee decided to take this on at the next meeting.
- A suggestion was made for EDAC to evaluate Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs used by other towns to see if there were any opportunities for Belmont to leverage what other towns have done to successfully implement. The Committee decided to take this on at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

- Ed Starzec to research process on development on State owned land and report back to EDAC on 1/12/12
- Further discussion on BOS recommendation for MDC Skating Rink side development.
- Discuss Purecoat LLC Site as next potential development area
- PILOT program discussion
- EDAC Parking Sub-Committee update

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

Cushman, Ellen

From: Cushman, Ellen
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7:51 PM
To: Town Clerk Staff
Subject: Town Meeting Sign In

After considering the options and the effort required, I've decided to change the way we're doing the sign-in at Town Meetings. Beginning with the STM on January 18th, I'd like only one list used consisting of three columns:

By Precinct, sorted alpha by Last Name

<u>TMM Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature of Town Meeting Member</u>	<u>TMM</u>
<u>Email Address (please confirm)</u>		

We provide the first and third columns, the middle is just the signature. **Those monitoring will just make sure to welcome folks, have them sign in and advise them to confirm the email address.** Sorry, but if you've already printed the lists, please reprint with these three columns even if using landscape documents is required. This process should ensure a more accurate recording of TMM attendance and require only one step allowing us to greet TMMs as well as monitor their attendance and move people through the process much faster.

Thanks

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