

Economic Development Committee Meeting

February 2, 2016, 5:30 PM (Amended)

Agenda

In attendance: Jason Parent, Russ Burke, Art Prest, Greg Troughton, Ana Elliot

1. Meeting called to order
 - Art called the meeting to order
 - 2nd by Jason
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes
 - Last MTGs minutes not present, sent to the group but didn't bring
 - Greg T. to bring to all meetings going forward
3. Introduce new member, Jason Parent
 - Jason introduced himself and spoke about his background in town and on town committees. Welcome Jason!
 - Former Planning Board Member
4. Top 10 ED opportunities in Groton
 - a. SWOT Analysis
 - b. Led by Russ
 - c. Review of all 19 Priorities
 - i. Donlan's: Greg to find out if there are plans
 - ii. Hollis Street: Zone for business, underutilized
 - iii. Prescott School: Identified as the major priority
 1. FOP actively pursuing a community center
 2. FOP active on FB to pursue their cause
 3. FOP has approval to apply for CPA grant to update building
 4. EDC feels this is premature-a future tenant may remove/change the sprinkler set up.
 5. Russ: Have FOP applied for a grant on a building they have no ownership to do so?
 6. Jason: who is in charge of finding a solution and why has this taken so long?
 7. Greg: we've talked about this for months, the EDC seems to agree that a tenant is the best option for Prescott and we feel that the public needs to know there are other solutions
 8. Russ: Motion for the EDC to write a letter opposing the CPA grant on the grounds that it's premature. Before asking for capital they need to show a long term plan for sustainable occupancy. 2nd by Jason. Vote: 5 Yes with Russ abstaining.
 9. Discussion around asking Evan's if they would approve being mentioned publically as an interested party in the property

10. Michael to draft letter. Edits to go back to Michael by Monday. Do no reply all, they are grammatical rather than content edits.

iv. Discussion around the Indian Hill Project-this will be a turning point for Groton

5. Proposed Economic Development position – Town of Groton Update - Prest

- Selectman ratified hiring of new Town Planner
- EDC will invite her to attend our next meeting

6. Citizens' Guide to Project Review & the Permitting Process

- Review of updates by Russ
 - Send edits directly to Russ, do not reply all

7. Discuss new interested Member John Honetzny

8. Adjourn