

Groton Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes 5/8/2017

Attendees for EDC: Mike Rasmussen, Art Prest, Russ Burk, John Konetzny, Fay Raynor and Gina Cronin

Non EDC Attendees: Bruce Easom and Judy Anderson

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mike Rasmussen at 5:50 PM at Groton Dunstable Middle School

1. The EDC reviewed previous meeting minutes from 4/26. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes after edits made, Fay 2nd it, all in favor.
2. The committee reviewed a letter to the BOS that Mike wrote. Fay raised a motion to send letter to BOS, John 2nd it, all were in favor.
3. Art brought up his concern with Prescott being a community center. He brought up the Roudenbush Community Center. They are requesting about \$7 million from the town, the building updates have not been completed over the years. Art does not want to see that happen to Groton.
4. Art feels there is not enough space set aside for commercial use. Gina feels a good portion of the building should be set aside for commercial use. She feels it is important for the BOS to be aware of Matt Evans interest.
5. Mike asked Bruce if the FOP could sign a longer than 5 year lease with a business.
6. John agrees that the letter should go to the BOS as well, letter to the editor that they want to see commercial. Fay agrees the letter should go to BOS. Russ feels the letter should be toned down a little.
7. Russ feels that no matter what happens to the building, parking needs to be shared, some needs to be municipal.
8. Russ edited the letter, felt some of it could be eliminated.
9. Mike reiterated that this building could be the biggest opportunity for the town to spur economic growth, he feels it should be all commercial. He feels if it is not sold, it should be a 100-year lease where the town could maintain ownership.
10. Russ brought up that the town of Groton is on the cusp of transformation.
11. Art made a motion to cross out 2nd & 3rd paragraphs, on Main Street in 4th paragraph and a few edits to paragraphs 6 & 7. Art & Russ will make edits and Mike raised a motion to make the edits. Art 2nd, all in favor. Russ & Art will send to Mike.
12. Russ raised a motion to send a copy to FOP and Judy who were present at the meeting, all were in favor.
13. The EDC discussed Article 24 regarding Concept Plan for the night's town meeting
14. Mike Bouchard came over to the EDC and explained that the draft letter to the BOS is a public document

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 5/31/2017.

Respectfully submitted by John Konetzny