



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes January 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by David Plunkett, Chairman, at the Pike House (temporary Town Hall). Present were Marko Duffy, Brian Linder, Patty Lelos, Mike Monahan, and Bruce Panilaitis. Also in attendance were Steve Sadwick, Director of Community Development, and Richard Montuori, Town Manager.

Larry Sanford was not in attendance.

1) **Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2014**

MOTION: Mr. Panilaitis made the motion to approve the October 29, 2014 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Duffy and the motion carried 6-0.

2) **Preparation for February 5th Breakfast**

Mr. Sadwick reported that invitation is prepared and that the Lowell Sun insert should be out by the end of the week. Kendall Wallace of the Lowell Sun will be keynote. David Tibbetts of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council will also be speaking. We hope to find out the interest in Rt 38 by participants. The four local banks that we have been meeting with will have tables. Mr. Plunkett recommended reaching out to businesses that are in the insert. Ms. Lelos mentioned that Lowell 5 has been reaching out to its business customers. Mr. Duffy recommended a direct drop to businesses on Rt. 38. Mr. Sadwick mentioned that over 400 invitations went out to businesses and property owners along Rt. 38 as well as the mailing list from the EDSAT program in the fall.

3) **Route 38**

Program discussed under agenda item number 2.

Mr. Montuori reminded the Committee of the Middlesex 3 two hour seminar for retail businesses to learn best practices on how to operate their business including marketing, appearance, etc.

4) **Marketing- tabled.**

5) **Development Updates**

Mr. Montuori informed the Committee of MC Assembly that was seeking a TIF for the 101 Billerica Ave business center. At this time, it does not appear that this business will qualify for state incentive and there is little to gain from the Town. He also mentioned that Evoqua, a water filter company will be relocating to the old Reardon distribution

facility on Clark Road. Mr. Sadwick informed the Committee that 890 East Street (old Accusphere site) was before the Planning Board and Compass Packaging will be moving into the facility. 1 Radcliff Road is wrapping up its permitting before the Planning Board and will most likely be allowed to expand its parking lot to assist in marketing the site.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

No meeting was scheduled due to the luncheon.

Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Panilaitis made the motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Duffy and the motion carried 6-0.

Approved: 10/26/15

(No new information provided.)