

June 23, 2014

TOWN OF STERLING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee for the Town of Sterling was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014. Those in attendance were: Jeffrey Donaldson, Brian Kindorf, Brian Patacchiola, James Patacchiola, Michael Pineo, Lindsay Lucarelli, and Paul Rehrig. Mr. Donaldson, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order and Lindsay Lucarelli kept the minutes of the meeting.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes – Review tabled to maximize time with guest
2. Meeting Guest, Jeff Ritter - Sterling Town Administrator
 - a. Reviewed status of Webster Building. Custom built structure limits appeal to new tenants.
 - b. Evaluated the interest levels of pharmaceutical cultivation organizations, specifically Prime Wellness and Garden Remedies. Group identified Garden Remedies stands out as the most relevant party.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mr. Ritter recommended Board of Selectman reach out Garden Remedies via letter to offer acceptance and support.
 - c. Massachusetts Economic Target Area: Group discussed variables for a town to be designated an ETA in the State. The open opportunity would be to identify “BLIGHTED AREAS” in order to apply as an ETA.
 - d. Master Plan update is needed
 - e. Zoning Bylaw
 - i. Change can happen in Town Meeting
 1. With support via a vote
 2. With the support of the Board of Selectman
 - ii. Opportunity identified to create “Overlay Districts” to allow residential and commercial co-existence.
AGREED ACTION: Committee will concentrate on RT. 12 designation of commercial vs. industrial vs. residential vs. overlay in preparation for May 2015 Town Meeting. MRPC will be contacted and invited to July 2014 EDC meeting.
 - f. Town Website
 - i. current town website actively being modified.
 - ii. EDC can develop content
 - iii. Target October 2014.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned as voted.

Lindsay Lucarelli, Secretary *pro tem*