

**Economic Development Committee**  
***Meeting Minutes***  
**Monday, 22 October 2018 Meeting**  
**8:00 am**

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| <b>Attendees:</b>     | Chair, Jim Patacchiola<br>Vice Chair, Mike Pineo<br>TA, Ross Perry<br>Keith Cordial | Secretary, R. Mapp<br>BOS, Maureen Cranson<br>Paul. Cathcart |
| <b>Guest:</b>         | Lex Thomas  | Christie Mylott/Tran's Office Rep                            |
| <b>Non-attendees:</b> | Treasurer, Brian Kindorf  | Richard Maki   |

**Call to Order: 8:00 am**

Minutes of 23 July, 27 August, 24 September 2018 meeting. Awaiting approval.  
1st: 2nd:

**L. Thomas Update:**

- Update of Sterling Business Forum:
- Approximately 250 letters were sent to local businesses to request their presence at the Forum
- Many of the letters were returned "undeliverable" by the Post Office because the PO Boxes were not listed. The Sterling PO will not place letters into slots if POB is not on the letter.
- Maureen C will contact the Postmaster to see if they will in the future if the letters are from the Town of Sterling with the official envelopes.
- The letters returned to the Town will be delivered to the recipients in hand.
- Scheduled for Thursday, 25 October 2018, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Sterling Country Club
- Lex will prepare a handout "why Sterling".
- Lex prepared the talking points for Jim Patacchiola, Paul Carthcart and Ross Perry for the forum.
- Business Professional attire should be worn at the Business Forum.

**Sterling Pride:**

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**Budget update. B. Kindorf, Treasurer**

- No change. \$11,500.00 remains.

**Town Activity: M. Pineo**

**Town Planner:**

- Hs been hired. Donenica Tatscorie will begin her employment at Sterling Town Hall as Town Planner next week. She comes to Sterling from Worcester.
- Ross Perry, Town Administrator, will oversee the Town Planner.
- Invite her to the next EDC Meeting.
- She may be able to join us at the Business Forum this coming Thursday. She is finishing up her current position in Worcester.

### **Farmer's Market:**

- No Input

### **Master Plan Committee**

- No input

### **BOS Report/Update: M. Cranson**

**Abandoned/Nuisance Property. R. Perry**

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### **EDC Sub Committee** (P. Cathcart, R. Maki and M. Pineo)

- Town Beach Committee will meet next Monday. R. Maki is very active on this.
- \$1M Bond for Environmental Improvements  
Still pursuing Nuisance properties.

### **On Going Projects.**

- All Boards Meeting. Will there be a follow up.
  - Richard Maki would like a meeting with other boards to discuss items that the EDC is working on to determine who should pursue joint issues..
- P. Cathcart suggested putting signs up with "Littering" signs.
  - R. Maki spoke with the Chief Chamberlain who is in favor of posting signs. It will help them enforce fines if it is posted.
  - Questions open: Where should they be placed.
  - Check with DPW for their sign manufacturer
- R. Perry will look into delinquent properties.
- R. Perry will continue to pursue with the Building Department. Where do we go from here?
- Worcester St. Garage--a potential buyer. ? if there is some way to give owner incentive to reduce the cost. The price is too high.

### **Parking Update.**

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### **Town Center Revitalization Project**

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### **Next MEETING:**

☐☐ **Monday, 26 November 2018, 9:00 am. BOS Mtg. Room**

### **Meeting Changes for January 2019** Move to Thursdays in 2019

Adjourn 10:42 am      Motion J. Patacchiola      2nd M. Caranson      All in favor.