

August 26, 2013

**TOWN OF STERLING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee for the Town of Sterling was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2013.

Those in attendance were:

Jeffrey Donaldson – Chairman

James Patacchiola – Vice Chairman

Michael Pineo

Paul Rehrig

Brian Kindorf

Brian Patacchiola – Selectman – Secretary *pro tem*

Mr. Donaldson made a motion to make Brian Patacchiola secretary *pro tem*. The motion was seconded by James Patacchiola and approved unanimously.

The first item of business was review minutes from the previous meeting. After discussion, it was decided that when referencing James Patacchiola he would be referred to as Mr. Patacchiola and Brian Patacchiola would be referred to as Selectmen Patacchiola. The committee also acknowledged that the selectman serving on the committee had full voting rights. A motion was made by Mr. Pineo to approve the June and July minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patacchiola and approved unanimously.

The second order of business was to discuss the town planner position. Mr. Rehrig stated that there was not a clear goal or objective for the planner position in that it was lacking definite metrics. Mr. Pineo thought that the town should scrap the position at the present time and concentrate on filing the town administrator position. Mr. Rehrig went on to say that he is okay with 99% of the town planner position description, but it is lacking the ultimate goal. Selectman Patacchiola offered help in contacting other towns with town planners to obtain their job descriptions. Selectman Patacchiola also commented that the committee does not need to rush anything since the position wouldn't be up until the next town meeting. Mr. Donaldson also expressed concern over lack of a goal in the job description. Mr. Rehrig said the position was a \$50,000 investment and the job was supposed to seek out and bring money to the town.

The third order of business was MART bus stops. The committee discussed on where to locate the stops. The members present were in agreement that it was a positive move. Suggested locations were next to the police station and downtown.

Discussion of the ambassador program ensued.

The fourth topic of discussion was the Prime Wellness plan. The committee thought the location of the business was a smart move for the town and the committee felt it wasn't in the position to bar the company from buying or renting property in town, nor does the committee want to do so. It would be a good idea to locate it in the Webster Building.

Mr. Donaldson moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Patacchiola seconded the motion, and the committee voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned as voted.

Brian Patacchiola, Secretary *pro tem*