

Economic Development Committee --
Meeting Minutes
Monday, 29 January 2018 Meeting
9:00 am

Attendees: Chair, Jim Patacchiola
Richard Maki
TA, Ross Perry

Vice Chair, Mike Pineo
BOS, Maureen Cranson
Treasurer, Brian Kindorf
Secretary, Rosanne Mapp

Guest: Lex Thomas

Non-attendees: Paul Cathcart

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Call to Order: 9:01 am

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TOWN CLERK

Minutes of 27 November 2017 meeting. Cannot vote on minutes. Meeting was NOT posted to Town Website

Guest: L Thomas Communications

- L Thomas was present while we voted to accept the Contract she provided in case there were questions for her.
- Vote taken to accept L. Thomas Communications, EDC "Why Sterling" Media Proposal.
- Motion made to accept proposal: M. Pineo 2nd. R. Maki All in favor
- L. Thomas will provide (within the week) a Press Release for review/ approval by the EDC and TA.
- Contract signed by R. Perry, Monday, 29 January 2018..
- L Thomas stated that the SLCT is interested in working with us.

Master Plan Update. M. Pineo

- Planning Board will be meeting with MRPC (John Hume and or Glen Eaton) on Wednesday, 31 January 2018 to discuss Town requirements pertaining to EDC and Master Plan/Town Planner
- M. Pineo asked R. Perry/TA to put place holder on the Town Warrant for a Town Planner @~\$65K
 - M. Pineo will report back after Wednesday's Meeting (31 January 2018).

Abandoned/Nuisance Property. R. Perry

- Ross Perry is working property by property.
- Ross Perry will continue to pursue.

Budget update. B. Kindorf, Treasurer

- No change. \$13,500.00 remains.
- No expenses last month.
- Discussion on 2019 Budget
 - Discussion on raising the budget to \$26K to accommodate new expenditures, (i.e., L. Thomas, Line Design Proposal for In-Town parking, etc.)
- Motion to accept \$26K R. Maki 2nd. M. Pineo All in favor

Town Activity: M. Pineo

- LKQ site work for 50K Sq Ft. space expansion; Planning Board is awaiting proposal

- Continental Stone is planning to leave Sterling.
 - B. Kindorf and P Carthcart will contact Continental Stone to inquire why they're planning to leave
- Sterling Gymnastics is looking into putting a 30x50' steel building/shed with slab construction. Will be presenting to Planning Board soon
- Sterling Inn. Developer that was interested in Sterling Inn is no longer interested. Mold problems and cost prohibitive
- Santander Bank is leaving Sterling

Parking Update.

- J. Patacchiola will contact DPW Board to discuss a meeting.

BOS Report/Update: M. Cranson

- The BOS was presented with a copy of L. Thomas proposal to the entire Board of Selectmen (BOS). All were in favor.
- The BOS has posted and sent out requests for anyone interested in being on the Master Plan Steering Committee to contact the Town Administrator.
- Is moving forward with Town Planner initiative.
- D. Michanowicz, Town Clerk has given her notice (1 March 2018).

New Business

- R. Maki stated that people are interested in Senior Housing in Sterling/not low-income.
- M. Cranson stated that she has spoken to 2 developers recently. She will ask them if they are interested.
- B. Kindorf is looking for new office space in Sterling. The spaces available are not suitable or are too expensive for what they offer.

Old Business

Pending Action Items:

- 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.
- Nuisance By-Law. Closed. It is not in the EDC purview.

Sewer Update.

- Expects to hear within the next 2 weeks

Next MEETING:

Monday, 26 February 2018, 9:00 am. BOS Mtg. Room

Adjourn 10:50 am Motion J. Patacchiola 2nd. M. Pineo All in favor.