

**Economic Development Committee --**  
***Meeting Minutes***  
**Monday, 26 February 2018 Meeting**  
**9:07 am**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Chair, Jim Patacchiola Richard Maki TA, Ross Perry Paul Cathcart	Vice Chair, Mike Pineo BOS, Maureen Cranson Treasurer, Brian Kindorf Secretary, Rosanne Mapp
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**Guest:**

**Non-attendees:**

**Call to Order: 9:01 am**

Minutes of 29 January 2017 meeting. Approved as written:

1st: M.Pineo      2nd: R. Maki      All in favor

Jim Patacchiola presented to the Committee the 2 newspaper articles in the Landmark relative to the EDC.

**Action:** Requested that Rosanne Mapp contact Lex Thomas asking for an email of any communications being submitted , the EDC would like to maintain a record.

**Action complete.** L. Thomas will be happy to oblige.

**Master Plan Update (Planning Board). M. Pineo**

- Planning Board met 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. The meeting was good and energized.
- It is believed by the Planning Board that it would be wise to have the Town Planner before the Master Plan Committee commences work.
- M. Pineo stated that \$78K in "Revitalization Plan" exists in R. Perry's office.
  - R. Perry will review plans

J. Patacchiola suggested that the plans be brought to the next meeting for review. All agreed.

**Action:** R. Perry to bring Revitalization Plan to next meeting.

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

- R. Perry will look into delinquent properties. What can be done.
- Ross Perry will continue to pursue with the Building Department. Where do we go from here?
- M. Cranson asked about the Worcester St. Garage. She has a potential buyer. ? if there is some way to give owner incentive to reduce the cost. The price is too high.

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

- No change. \$13,500.00 remains.
- No expenses last month.

**Town Activity: M. Pineo**

- Continental Stone is planning to leave Sterling.

**Action:** B. Kindorf and P Carthcart will contact Continental Stone to inquire why they plan to leave

**Action Complete:** B. Kindorf responded that they received a tax break, discount on land and will continue to be a Sterling Municipal Light Department Customer in their new location.

- They plan to maintain their current building and rent it.

### **Parking Update.**

- J. Patacchiola and Richard Maki will meet with the DPW Board on 13 March 2018 at 7:pm.

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

- Town Clerk position is posted. Received 2 resumes. There is an interim person. Still collecting resumes.
- Assistant Town Treasurer will be leaving in June. The Building Department's Administrative Assistant is now the Chief-of-Police's Administrative Assistant. There is an interim person filling the position in the Building Department.
- The BOS held a meeting of interested persons for the Master Plan Committee. It was a successful meeting with many people signing on to be in Focus Groups.
- Fin Com will be meeting on 3 March to discuss costs for Town Planner.
  - M. Pineo stated that a job grade and pay range for the Town Planner already exists.
  - The Sterling Country Club is seeking to make improvements. Their Corporate offices will make approvals before approaching the Town.
- "*Taste of Sterling*" is being held once again this year on 18 March 18, at the Sterling Country Club. As of today there will be 12 vendors there. Tickets available.

### **New Business**

- M. Cranson stated that she has spoken to 2 developers recently. She will ask them if they are interested.
- R. Maki suggested a "Sterling Pride" day for residents to clean up their properties! Suggests this should be before Memorial Day. Suggests Business support in funding a BBQ celebration!
  - he suggested people sign up to do particular Streets, give out yellow bags. Have the DPW organize the pick up of the bags. All were in agreement that this was a great idea!
  - perhaps ask Casella might like to contribute to having large items picked up curbside (ie. sofas, TVs...) It was stated that Transfer Station is not operational enough hours. B. Kindorf stated that they are looking for their first full time employee.
- P. Carthcart suggested putting signs up with "Littering" fines.

### **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.
- R. Maki stated that people are interested in Senior Housing in Sterling/not low-income.

### **Sewer Update.**

- R Perry sent note to the MRPC. They responded today, with their message that it is not completed.

### **Next MEETING:**

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

Adjourn 10:40 am      Motion R. Mapp      2nd. M. Pineo      All in favor.