

MINUTES
Town of Andover Economic Development Commission (EDC)
October 12th, 2016
Andover Town Hall

Call to Order:

Elaine Buchardt called the meeting to order at 7:07PM

Present: Elaine Buchardt, Patrick Dougherty, Jeanne Person

Absent: Tim Gilmore

Public Speak: none

Minutes: Approved minutes.

Liaison Reports: no liaison

Officers: Elaine was nominated and elected to be chairman and secretary. Jim Dake was the chairman and no longer on the committee. Elaine was already the secretary.

Tolland County Chamber of Commerce: Elaine talked about the last monthly meeting with the TCCC. Planning and zoning representatives from Tolland, Coventry and Vernon were there and it was good to share what is happening in the surrounding towns. Elaine will be attending their annual meeting October 26th and report back.

Planning and Zoning: Patrick reported on things happening with zoning over the summer. Andover is hiring a part time planner. Bill Warner, who assisted with the Plan of Conservation and Development will be our planner.

There is an initiative called BikeWalkBolton that is working on community use and activities on the rail trail. They are working on reclaiming some old roads to get more access to the trail in Bolton. Andover people are working with this group in a collaborative effort.

There were plans drawn up for three designated areas in Andover to support high density, medium income (80000/yr) housing. The areas being looked at are behind the town hall, the Grimaldi property on route 87 and the land on the hill across route 6 from the library and adjoining the rail trail.

There is a project called Andover Complete Streets headed by Eric Anderson to make Andover streets safer for biking and walking by expanding the shoulders as

roads are worked on. Currently Route 316 is going to be the first road expanding the shoulders.

Bill Warner has suggested changing all R40 zoning (one acre minimum lot size) to R80 (two acre minimum lot size) to prevent over developing. This would be waived for the designated areas for high density housing.

Patrick will be attending a land use class on Oct. 22nd and will report back to us about that.

Farmers Market News: The Andover Farmer's summer market was a success at the town hall location. When there was extreme heat and potential thunderstorms, we were able to move into the air conditioned community room. There is a bathroom and electricity available so we are planning to continue to be at the town hall.

There will be a Holiday Fair at the town hall on December 17th sponsored by the Farmer's Market as well as the four winter market events in January and February.

Current Business: We will continue to discuss zoning with Patrick in hopes of developing a comprehensive guide to building and business in Andover.

New Business: There is a vote on Nov. 8th to change the charter concerning having a town administrator in the town office to run the town along with the selectmen. We will see how the vote turns out to determine how the EDC moves forward with the possible new configuration. Currently we don't have a selectman liaison.

Assignments:

Elaine will put in the request for a new EDC member in the New Bulletin again. So far there have been no takers. Elaine will also request the Board of Selectmen to assign a liaison to the EDC.

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting is November 9th.

Adjournment: EDC adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Buchardt

