

Walpole EDIC

September 11, 2018

EDIC Meeting
Stillman Meeting Room
Police Station
50 South Street
Town of Walpole

Present:

Mark Resnick, Treasurer
Roger Mann, Director
Richard Shields, Vice Chair
Bernie Goba, Chair

Guests:

Mark Gallivan, BOS
Jim Johnson, Town Administrator
Robin Chapell, BOH
Cliff Snuffer, COA Ambassador
Rich McCarthy, COA

There being a quorum present, Chairman Goba opened the meeting:

Senior Center Tour: As a prelude to the EDIC meeting, members were given an informal tour of the South Street Senior Center. The building is in the finishing stages of construction. Completion is scheduled for early December 2018. Aside from the design it was noted that the width and breadth of Community contributions and support has assured that the building will be completed as planned and as scheduled.

EDIC Planning Fund Balance: Discussion ensued regarding the disposition of EDIC's planning fund balance. Mr. Resnick related his concerns that the fencing around the West side of South Street is unsightly and in need of replacement. He was critical of the disrepair and the institutional feel of the fencing and further felt the issue had to be resolved before disposing of any EDIC funds. The other members agreed in principle.

Mr. Johnson addressed the question noting that the abutters on Clark Ave. also wanted the issue resolved. Mr. Johnson explained that he was attempting to balance all constituencies needs and assured all that the fencing would be addressed. He further agreed that the new fence would be completed. It shall be black vinyl coated chain link at 6' height without any barbed wire topping, as noted in his memorandum dated September 11, 2018 titled, "EDIC Fence Update" (attached).

Mr. Johnson requested that the EDIC funds be gifted to the Town of Walpole and he further assured all that the money would ensure the fencing and improvements to the rail trail would be successfully completed. A time schedule was not available as negotiations were continuing with abutters.

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After a discussion, a motion by Mr. Mann to "gift the remaining EDIC funds to the Town of Walpole to further advance the improvements of fencing along South Street and into the sites with black vinyl chain link fence and also to improve upon the rail trail behind the South Street center site"

The motion was seconded by Mr. Resnick.

There was no discussion.

It as voted. 4 ayes 0 nays. The motion passed.

A motion by Mr. Shields that "given that the EDIC's mission was to oversee clean up of the Superfund Site and the restoration of the South Street property and that sites are being put to productive use that its mission has been completed and that the EDIC should take necessary steps to dissolve"

The motion was seconded by Mr. Resnick.

It was voted 4 ayes 0 nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Gallivan noted that the Town of Walpole will commemorate the efforts via a plaque to be wall mounted in the new South Street Center.

The EDIC through its Chair will work out the transfer of funds to the Town of Walpole and dissolution of the EDIC with Mr. Johnson and Town Counsel.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn by Mr. Resnick was seconded by Mr. Mann.

Vote; 4 ayes 0 nays.

Respectfully,

Bernie Goba, Chairman, acting Clerk

