



**Economic Development Commission  
Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 5:00p.m  
Room 112, Town Hall**

**Minutes**

Attending: Larry Pitman (Chair), Lisa Demaio, Ken Fettig, John Keefe, Mike McGrath, Donnell Murphy, Nancy Murray, Greg Yergatian, and Stephanie Mercandetti (Staff)

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.
2. Introduction of new EDC members: Joining the EDC is Lisa Demaio, Mike McGrath, and Nancy Murray; each gave a brief introduction. Welcome!
3. Minutes of 6/10/08, 8/12/08, and 9/9/08 were approved. Greg and Donnell abstained from voting on the 6/10/08 minutes since they were not present. Donnell also abstained from voting on the 8/12/08 minutes for the same reason.
4. Project Updates:
  - a. 11/12/08 Business Forum: Invitations being mailed this week. A calendar listing was submitted to newspapers. Stephanie to circulate the invitation list via email and forward invitation to Larry to submit as a Letter to the Editor to the newspapers. Agenda, postcard and survey are being prepared.
  - b. Zoning Bylaw Re-write: Donnell provided an update on the progress of reviewing the table of uses. Stephanie mentioned that Peter Abair of MA Biotech Council spoke about the biotech industry and siting requirements at the committee's last meeting.
  - c. 43D Priority Development Sites: The shortlist of sites developed by VHB was distributed.
  - d. 40R – Downtown Smart Growth Overlay District: Project is on hold for the moment.
  - e. Bird Machine: Stephanie has contacted Baker Hughes' Real Estate Counsel for an update.
  - f. Superfund site/EDIC: S2786 has been enacted by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for his signature. EPA released their cleanup plan; Town concerns were not properly addressed.
5. Other Business:
  - g. Ambassador program: Held till next meeting.
  - h. Walpole Chamber Breakfast w/ Board of Selectmen: The Chamber and Town updated each other on their activities and projects. A nice opportunity to share information.
  - i. Econ. Dev. & Grants Officer's Goals and Objectives were distributed; to be revisited in November.
  - j. "Welcome to Walpole" DVD and Magazine – Items are available for review.
  - k. Review of Municipal Campus layout options: Discussion largely focused on cost issues but members agreed that parking and traffic are their main concerns. Memo to be sent to Selectmen.
6. Open Forum: There were no non-members present.
7. Announcements: A meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the downtown will occur on 11/12/08 at 7:00pm. The EDC also has an appointment with the Board on 11/18/08 at 8:00pm to update Selectmen on activities. The latter meeting may be cancelled if the 11/12 meeting is sufficient.
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.