



Economic Development Commission
Minutes for Meeting on December 11, 2007

1. The meeting began at 5:05pm and ended at 6:20pm.
2. Attending: Members: Larry Pitman, Mike Berry, Ken Fetting, Donnell Murphy, Greg Yergatian, John Keefe, Paul Millette
Raf McLaughlin
Others: Roger, Mann, Don Walsh
3. Minutes: The Minutes for the October and November Meetings were approved.
4. Larry Pitman reported on his December 4th meeting with the Board of Selectmen: Ken Fetting requested that the EDC ask the Board to extend sewer line to the industrial sites around Goldies on Route 1A in south Walpole.
5. The EDC's breakfast with Walpole businesses was discussed. Results of the Business Survey were presented. The EDC requested that the Board of Selectmen receive a copy of the survey summary.
6. Streamlined Permitting efforts were discussed. The Globe article on Walpole's ranking for HighTech businesses was distributed.
7. Updates on current/prospective projects was provided.
8. Donnell Murphy noted a problem with the zoning re-write effort in that individuals at public meetings are advocating for elimination of existing "catch all" language that allows "lawful businesses" to be eligible for special permits in industrial, highway business and limited manufacturing areas. It was noted that this could be an issue at the March Special Town Meeting.
9. Larry Pitman requested that a 15 minute "open forum" slot be added to every EDC meeting and that appropriate advertisement be initiated.
10. The EDC voted to remove John Vozolla be removed from the official EDC membership due to his inactivity.