

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 7 APR 18 PM 1:42

Thursday, January 12, 2017

EDC Chairman Joseph Lauria called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm in room. **

5 at the Town Hall in the presence of:

**NORTH READING, MA

Voting Members: William Bellavance, David Ferreira, Peter Beal, Richard Wallner, and Michael Prisco,

Missing: Sean Delaney

Associate Members: Chris Hayden, Jeff Yull

Non-Members: Danielle McKnight - Town Planner and Francis DeCoste - TRA

Chairman Joseph Lauria opened the meeting at 6:09 pm.

- 1.) Mr. Lauria open the meeting starting with the first course of business; to discuss 102 Lowell Road RFP.
 - a. Mrs. McKnight distributed hard copies of the draft RFP to all in attendance
 - b. Mrs. McKnight gave an overview on the proposed re-zoning amendment for 102 & 104 Lowell Road.
 - c. There was a discussion on whether or not the EDC members want to place a restriction to Commercial Property only.
 - Mr. Wallner was against that idea. He would like to leave it open just like we did with 104 Lowell Road
 - d. Mr. Bellavance asked if there is a restriction on Pulte from selling the property
 - Mr. DeCoste explained that there would be a deed restriction that the property if sold would need to stay "age restricted" 55 age and over.
- 2.) Mr. Bellavance motioned that the EDC should place a restriction for allowed uses/special permit within the Industrial Office zone in the 102 Lowell Road RFP. Seconded by: Mr. Beal
 - a. Mr. Wallner stated that when we did 104 Lowell Road RFP we didn't place a restriction and we ended up getting \$30M. Why would we want to take that option away that granted us so much?
 - b. Mr. DeCoste stated that the language in the 102 Lowell Road RFP would need to be stated clearly that we have 450 units going in next door to this property to build up an incentives for more bids.
 - i. We should add a table of "Allowed Uses"

Voted by:

Mr. Ferriera AYE
Mr. Prisco AYE
Mr. Bellavance AYE

Mr. Beal AYE
Mr. Wallner NO
Mr. Ferreira AYE

Mr. Delaney absent

MOTION CARRIED (5-1-0)

- 3.) Mr. DeCoste gave a brief overview on the results of our first meeting with Pulte Homes
 - a. We provided a detail schedule on what needs to take place to get a signed P&S by a March Special Town Meeting (STM)
 - We discussed STM; stating the proposed dates are currently Sat Mar 11th, or Mon – Mar 13th.
 - c. Increasing parking to a 2 to 1 parking ratio.
 - d. Community Outreach
 - e. Permitting Process
 - f. Water and Utilities
- 4.) Ms. McKnight discussed upcoming dates for the EDC:
 - a. Next EDC meeting January 19, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm
- 5.) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wallner motioned to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by: Mr. Beal

Voted by:

Mr. Ferriera

AYE

Mr. Prisco

AYE

Mr. Bellavance

AYE

Mr. Beal

AYE

Mr. Wallner

AYE

Mr. Lauria

AYE

UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)

ADJOURN 8:10 pm

DATE

MICHAEL PRISCO, CLERK