

## Economic Development Committee

# DRAFT

September 2, 2010

Room #204

Acton Town Hall

**Attendees:** Dick Calandrella, Ann Chang, David Didriksen, Nancy Dinkel, Leigh Davis-Honn, Chris Pappas, Doug Tindal (Chair), Roland Bartl (Planning).

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

- I. **Public Participation** – N/A
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – previous minutes were not available.
- III. **Selectmen/EDC Oversight Meeting** – Doug reviewed his short presentation to the Board. His allotted 10 minutes went by fast and there were no real issues/concerns.
- IV. **Current Issues**
  - **Signage Review Panel** – Ann and Nancy reviewed the Next-Steps plan to be discussed and massaged with Planning. Next target is WAV. Nancy with Ann will set up meeting with Scott and Roland for by-in. Focus is process as yet, not content. There was general agreement that Dick's focus for the general meeting will also be WAV, but be inclusive to all.
  - **Bylaw enforcement process** – Much discussion on how to include the HDC. Nancy and Ann will meet with leaders of HDC and then invite them to the next EDC meeting 9/16.
- V. **Proposed Zoning Changes** –Roland reviewed suggested changes to sign bylaws to be presented to Town Meeting September 28. As these

were deemed favorable for businesses, the EDC supported the changes.

- VI. **Demographics** – The EDC is still in need of much data which will hopefully be supplied as part of the upcoming Comprehensive Planning process.
- VII. **New Businesses** - Roland reviewed the plans for new development in WAV. EDC was in favor. Doug will write memo to BOS announcing support.
- VIII. **Marketing Team** – Nancy mentioned the discovery of a couple of websites geared towards activities and businesses in individual towns, yet Acton was under represented. These are opportunities to look into.
- IX. **New and Existing Business Support Team** – Dave will have more to offer after Labor Day. Phil Summers, a local attorney affiliated with the Chamber, has shown interest in the EDC and may attend our next meeting.

Ann announced her new email address as: [annchang7@gmail.com](mailto:annchang7@gmail.com).

The meeting was closed at 9:08.

Prepared and submitted by Nancy Dinkel

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