



**Economic Development  
Committee**

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**Minutes**

**6/15/06**

**Attendance:** Ann Chang, Bill Lawrence, Chris Pappas, Lauren Rosenzweig, Herman Kabakoff, Ed Starzec, Roland Bartl.

**I. Approve Minutes**

The minutes of the 5/18 meeting were approved as amended.

**II. Citizen Concerns**

Mr. Robert Vuzman, a resident of Boxborough, came before the committee requesting advice regarding going into business in Acton as a branch of an Israeli research & development firm. As his request was beyond the purview of the EDC, it was recommended that he make contact with the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce.

**III. Membership Discussion**

Under the "sunset rules", 5 of the 8 current ECD members would not qualify for reappointment; furthermore two positions are currently unfilled. Decision was made that Ed Starzec will pursue filling the vacant positions through the VCC and Lauren Rosenzweig will request that the BOS grant an extension to the terms of the expiring members pending further discussion at an upcoming oversight session.

**IV. Site Plans**

The EDC reviewed three site plan applications and offered the following comments:

• **McDonalds Restaurant, Great Road**

As first application under new East Acton Village zoning, applicant is to be commended for working with town staff to achieve the vision intended in the East Acton Village plan. The plan demonstrates good landscaping, materials, pedestrian accommodations, etc. and is the result of multiple revisions with town staff. We should encourage improved vehicular circulation in comparison to the previous Burger King site. Ed Starzec will draft a letter of support.

• **Davis Place 40B**

EDC agreed this is a good and appropriate location for a 40B project, consistent with the town's new 40B policy. The project is supportive of business in that residents will be

within easy walking distance of Kelly's Corner. Lauren Rosenzweig will draft a supportive comment letter.

- **Fenton Project**  
Small office building adjacent to 40B project on Westford Lane. EDC is supportive but no need for a letter of support.

Submitted by Ed Starzec