

June 17th 2013 Cambridge Planning Commission Mtg. Minutes

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6:35 start

Attendees: Werner B, Michael M, Jill R, April E- PC members
Ann Gillian, Nicole Gilbert, Ilene Schmidt (1/2), -Residents
Adam Howard- resident for Camb Artists and Entrepreneurs
John Mandeville- Lamoille Econ Dev. Seth J-LCPC

John M-Began with discussion of economic development from regional perspective. LEDC focuses efforts on AG, Agro-tourism, Web-based biz. Cambridge (any muni) should decide what type of biz they want and where to put it.

Adam H- CAE is a conduit for biz community- general community.

Threats to realizing econ dev:

Disconnect btwn Town's major employers and biz/general community and Town Govrmt.
Multiple municipal governance structures- confusing..

John M-Discussion of the Cambridge Industrial prk.

4, 1 acre sites are still unoccupied. They are too expensive to make useful for a biz.
There is no town water/sewer available onsite
Available lots are owned by the Town of Camb.
About six businesses operating there now.
LEDC owns some sites.
BB, high speed internet is not adequate there

Infrastructure issues are huge challenge for biz dev.

Adam H- Econ Dev committee in the community could advocate for high speed. There is no local econ dev committee...

Discussion of **IMPLEMENTATION** of actions/recommendations from the Town Plan. Housing is tied to econ dev- must have appropriate mix of housing for new employees when growth, biz dev occurs.

All other items:

Seth J- brief explanation of form-based code in context of planning for growth-dev.

CPC voted via email in the week before this mtg to write a ltr of support for LCPC-Camb Conservation Commission –Brewster River environmental assessment grant application. All 4 members voted in affirmative.

CPC reviewed/approved last mtg minutes from June 3.

Michael M spoke to DRB member Mark Boyden about greater DRB engagement in Town Plan revision re: clear and precise language for DRB decision-making. Mark said Eli was the person to speak with....

CPC set mtg dates in July for: July 1st, 15th and 29th.