

Cambridge Economic Development Advisory Committee and Economic Development Taskforce Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016

Call to order

Jeff Coslett called to order the regular meeting of the CEDAC/Economic Development Taskforce at 6:00 at the Varnum Memorial Library.

Roll call: The following CEDAC members were present: Jeff Coslett, Ron Elliott, Fonda Ripley, and April Tuck. The following taskforce members were present: Mark Schilling.

Introductions: Fonda was introduced as the new chair of the committee/taskforce. Jess explained that multiple commitments prevented him from continuing as chair, although he would remain an active committee/taskforce member. The group thanked him for his service. Fonda was a member of the Municipal taskforce and has experience with facilitating groups and conducting research.

Key Initiatives:

- Vision: Our plan is to focus on and enhance our strengths, with emphasis on four areas: the traditional community endeavors (agriculture, hunting, fishing), the arts, outdoor recreation, and working from home/home-based small businesses. We will leverage opportunities already in existence, i.e. Smugglers Notch resort.
- Rail Trail: We have collaborated with the Rail Trail committee to bring attention to Cambridge as a trailhead.
- Tax Credit for home businesses: Mark noted Adam Howard and he were working on this.
- Cambridge Welcome Signs: Jeff presented the proposal to complete the signs at the finance committee meeting. It will be a line item at the Town Meeting on March 1.
- Community Coordinator position: April reported the Select Board was encouraging when she presented the proposal for the position. Due to budget constraints, it was decided to submit the position proposal for the 2017 fiscal year.
- Explanation of the CEDAC and Economic Development Taskforce committee history: Jeff provided an introduction to Fonda re: the structure of both groups,

their integration, and the meeting schedule of the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the library. He will send her the e-mail list.

February Agenda:

- Home Tax Credit – Adam and Mark S
- Town Signs – Jeff
- Community Coordinator – April
- Rail Trail – Mark S
- Town Meeting materials - April

Adjournment

Jeff Coslett adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm

Next Meeting: February 23 at 6:00pm at the Varnum Library

Minutes submitted by: April Tuck