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Economic Development Committee (EDC) – Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2018

Members Present - Eric Callahan and Jim Delisle, and Joe Serio

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Serio

The first order of business was approving the meeting minutes from June 6, all in favor.

Next up was an update on the Town's wayfaring signage program. The Town Planner and Chairman Serio met with the DPW Commissioners on October 22nd to discuss the program. It was determined that four of the six proposed sign locations are located within rights-of-way controlled by MassHighway. The DPW Director provided contact information for the appropriate person at District #3 MassHighway. The Town Planner will contact District #3 and have someone come out to take a look at the proposed wayfaring signage locations. MassHighway may have required specifications for sign construction and these will need to be factored in when preparing a cost estimate for the signage program. Once we have MassHighway's sign specifications, the Town Planner will review with the DPW Commissioners. From there, the Town Planner will sit down with the sign designer and prepare a detailed cost estimate for the wayfaring signage program. This is necessary before the Town can apply for a grant to fund this effort.

The next matter before the EDC was reviewing the zoning amendments the Planning Board is proposing for the November Special Town Meeting. The six zoning amendments and the EDC recommendations are as follows:

Revisions to the Zoning Bylaw's cluster housing provision: EDC in favor.

- Revisions to the Parking Bylaw: EDC in favor.

- Rezone three properties on Overlook Road: EDC in favor.

- A bylaw regulating solar farms: EDC in favor.

- A ban on retail sales of recreational marijuana: there was no consensus of opinion among the EDC members, so each member attending Town Meeting will voice his own opinion.

- A temporary extension on the moratorium for recreational marijuana: EDC in favor.

The last order of business was Chairman Serio providing a summary of the Westminster Cracker Festival held on October 20th. There was a slight drop in attendance, but the weather was fine and much fun was had by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting of the EDC will take place on Wednesday January 2nd, 2019. See you next year.