

**Town of Sharon  
Economic Development Committee  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**EDC Meeting Minutes  
10/26/20**

**EDC Members**

Rob Maidman, Acting Chair	Alan Lury
Jim Berish absent	Pasqualino Pannone absent
Eli Hauser	Xander Shapiro

**Other Attendees**

None	
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**Administration**

- The EDC meeting began at 7:00PM.

**Minutes**

- The Committee voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval of the minutes of 10/13/20.

**Discussion**

**Town Planner**

- Acting Chair Maidman opened the meeting by stating that he wants to continue the discussions from last meeting and determine what the real plan is going forward.
- Acting Chair Maidman said that Mr. Turkington has sent several emails about the part time planner position. This position will work through Mr. Turkington and do master plan implementation. There is \$8,000 for support at 25-30 hours per month. Resources need to be recruited. Mr. Maidman said we are making progress. He said he will summarize a job description to form the backbone of what Fred will advertise for.
- Mr. Shapiro said once written up the description should have an assignment for the timing of tasks.
- Mr. Lury said that the work needs to be broken out re: what is expected and how time is utilized.
- Mr. Maidman said he will look to see how to unlock the Kendall funds. He said Mr. Turkington will assemble the job description and then it goes to the Personnel Board.
- Mr. Maidman posed the question "should one or two of us participate in the interview process" and the Committee all said yes.

**Post Office Square**

- Acting Chair Maidman said with reference to Post Office Square, he has not been able to get to the land lease holder of Bank of America to determine the length of the lease. With reference to the Route 1 corridor land he still needs to investigate. He suggested that Mr. Hauser and Mr. Pannone discuss Mandarin Taste and meet with Alice. Regarding Shaw's Plaza, Mr. Maidman said that Mr. Turkington asked that we hold off on any contacts for the time being as there is a sewage issue.

### **Energy Advisory Committee**

- Acting Chair Maidman said that the Select Board is happy with the idea of the Energy Advisory Committee being a subset of the group. It will be a town wide energy sourcing cooperative. The two benefits to the town include lower rate per user and helps to point Sharon towards a green initiative.

### **Other**

- Mr. Lury said that he contacted Mr. Turkington regarding the approval of selling land next to CVS for CVS to use as a drive through. He said he told Fred that the cost of \$125,000 should go to a fund created and funded with proceeds from the sale and be used for land purchase for economic development. It should exclude the purchase of conservation land and only be used for land for development. Rob and Alan will attend the Select Board meeting tomorrow night to discuss further.
- Mr. Maidman said there will also be a discussion of the library at the Select Board Meeting. It is important to find out the disposition of the library to see if it will retain current use or if a new library will be built or not. A decision is coming next week from Town Counsel if the Dover Amendment is justified.
- Acting Chair Maidman suggested that bill boards when they fit on the perimeter of 95 are lucrative. We however used up the quota on how many and where.
- Acting Chair Maidman asked the EDC to think of other ideas because we lack land due to constraint issues.
- Mr. Hauser reviewed a list of revenue streams we expect and have.
- Mr. Lury asked if the town is tracking actual receipts for the marijuana shop. Mr. Maidman said it is on the Select Board Agenda for 10/27.

### **Next meeting dates**

- The next scheduled EDC meeting dates include: 11/30, 12/14

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting concluded at 7:40 PM