

EDC Minutes of March 1, 2018

Present: David Didriksen (DD), Mike Majors (MM), Chinsung Chang (CC), Derrick Chin (DC), Ann Chang (AC), Josh Fischel (JF), Peter Daniels (PD), Selby

Absent: Larry Kenah (LK), David Foley (DF)

Guests: Terra Friedrichs (TF)

JF called meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Public Participation - None

Minutes: approved with one change (Adesa)

Town Meeting: 2 articles discussed: articles 9 and 28.

Article 9:

DD: What is the economic impact of the intersection improvements?

At some point TF appeared in the meeting room.

AC moved that the EDC support article 9 at Town Meeting. MM second. Some discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

Article 28:

JF invited TF to speak to her citizens petition to purchase the K-mart site.

TF said she did an analysis of the K-mart site and spoke with K-mart management. TF believes the Town should purchase the parcel before the KC zoning change comes before the scenario. Her petition is a non-binding resolution to ask the BoS to estimate the cost of acquisition. She believes if the Town bought the property, the Town could pay off the property in three years by renting to Kmart.

Discussion ensued and advice was given.

JF asked for a motion to table discussion to the next meeting. CC volunteered to work with TF to refine the language in the article. DD moved, and AC seconded to table discussion to March 15. Motion passed unanimously.

PD gave an update on a MWCOC retreat held today at Wachusett.

AC gave a brief update on the West Acton sewer expansion committee.

DC made a motion, seconded by DD to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.