

These are the minutes of the EDC meeting of 1/17/19, held in Room 9 of Acton Town Hall at 7:30 pm

Called to Order: 7:35 pm

Present: Mike Majors, Derrick Chin, Josh Fischel, Ann Chang, Larry Kenah, Shirley Ming, Selby, Jon Benson (arrives at 8:32 pm, departs at 8:33 pm).

Absent: David Foley, Jon Benson, Peter Daniel, Dave Didriksen

**I. Public Participation:** None. (Terra Friedrichs arrives at 7:50 pm)

**II. Minutes:** The minutes from January 3, 2019, are unanimously approved, after which we discussed listing those who are not present in addition to those who are present at the meeting; this was accepted as standard practice, and the minutes will be amended to reflect said suggested change.

We are also officially caught up with past minute/agenda discrepancies dating back years in some cases.

While waiting for Selby to photocopy Larry's article (see Item III), Ann Chang discussed the results of the Walker Property decisions: it will be 31 units of affordable housing. Mike Majors says that the committee sought assurances that some of the units would be for adults who require live-in assistants. It will require a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting. Selby says we tried to solicit commercial use, but there wasn't interest from developers. Ann says the committee did plenty of due diligence, and Selby says the process was open.

**III. EDC Article for Acton Town Report:** Returning to order, we look over Chair Kenah's draft and offer some suggestions, both substantive and superficial.

**IV. EDC & Sewers in West Acton:** There will be an article in the Town Warrant for preliminary design money for sewers in West Acton; Ann wants to make sure the business community there is still on board.

**V. Plans for EDC for 2019:** Business listings on the town website are out. Focus shifts to collaborating with the GMVCVB, an acronym that rolls off the tongue, to make a rail trail map happen.

We get animated to varying degrees about Acton's viability to be included as part of the Revolutionary War historic sites. Sure to chafe our neighboring towns is this line that we seem to like, ready for inclusion in travel brochures at rest stops up and down the Eastern Seaboard: "The Battle of Lexington was fought at Concord's North Bridge by the Acton Minutemen." There is brief excitement for this idea, and then there is a re-focus to the rail trail map.

Josh will reach out to other town EDCs about attending their meetings to see how they do things.

**VI. Other EDC Business:** There is none.

**VII. Updates from Members:** There are none, though Larry brings up the idea of moving from two meetings per month to one meeting per month.

**VIII. Updates from Selby:** Another AAMC summit took place last Tuesday. This time, Methods Machine Tools attended and expressed interest in participating. The focus

was hearing from social services providers and the needs of their job-seeking clients, many of whom are single mothers, for whom 12-hour shifts are difficult, what with child care needs. Someone else spoke of refugees seeking resettlement, many of whom have skills and training but not licensing/certification. Transportation is also an issue.

**IX. Adjourn @ 9:05 pm.**

\*\*\*The EDC will next meet on Thursday, February 7th, 2019.\*\*\*

Additional materials:

- Draft meeting minutes from 3 January 2019
- Draft EDC Article for Acton Town Report
- EDC Agenda for 17 January 2019