

# EDC Minutes – 6 February 2014

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These are the meeting minutes from the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Town of Acton, Massachusetts. The meeting took place on 6 February 2014 at the Acton Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm by Nancy Dinkel.

Present:            Dave Clough, Derrick Chin, Dick Calandrella, Larry Kenah, Nancy Dinkel

Not Present:     Allan Gulliver, Ann Chang, Chris Pappas, Doug Tindal

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There was no public participation.

Minutes from the 16 January 2014 meeting were approved with three editorial corrections.

## Agenda Items

### Robbins Brook v Firewood Manufacturing (3)

This matter was once again continued with the Board of Selectmen.

### Knox Trail Update (4)

There was no update on this issue.

### Buy Local Efforts (5)

Dave Clough provided a brief update on Buy Local efforts, prompted by a visit to the Laconia Guilford area in New Hampshire. Their approach is to distribute membership cards that entitle members to discounts at local businesses.

- The town itself and the school districts buy lots of “stuff” and services. Much of this purchasing is directed to local businesses. The EDC should see if it can gain access to this information.
- Dave recently joined an Acton business association that originated in the Acton Woods Plaza (Kitchen Outfitters, The Happy Chocolatier, etc) in North Acton. The group has a Web site (<https://www.alignable.com/Acton-MA>) but the site seems to restrict access. We will track down the problem and report its resolution in a future EDC meeting minutes report.

### Acton 2020 (6)

Larry Kenah gave a brief update on the Kelley's Corner Steering Committee whose first meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2014.

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was scheduled to hear an oral report of an assessment of Kelley's Corner presented by the Boston Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel. (This story was reported in the 13 February 2014 issue of *The Beacon*.) Several members of the EDC planned to attend the meeting.

## **Discovery Way (7)**

This item is no longer relevant to the EDC and will be removed from future agendas.

## **Goals (8)**

Nancy Dinkel proposed that the EDC grow its accomplishments during 2014. She will move the Goals section of a future EDC agenda to the top of the list so that it receives more attention during the meeting.

## **Miscellany**

- The Design Review Board will review a proposal for 40B housing at Post Office Square at its 19 February 2014 meeting.

## **Remaining Agenda Items**

There were no updates on agenda items #9 through #12.

## **In Closing**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

These minutes were recorded by Lawrence J Kenah, EDC Clerk.