

These are the minutes of the EDC meeting of 3/13/2017, held in Room 204 of Acton Town Hall.

Present: Chingsung Chang, David Foley, Selby, Larry Kenah, Josh Fischel, Ann Chang, Derrick Chin

Called to Order: 7:12 pm

I. Presentation by Insulet Corporation

Overview provided by Chuck Alpuche of what the company makes and how they're growing.

John Bowden addressed citizen concerns; independent traffic study indicated that the building expansion is expected to increase traffic on Route 2A on average around 1-2 vehicles per minute during peak hours. Truck traffic would be a maximum of 15-20 per day, right down Route 2A to I-495. Insulet can fit 35,000 pods on a single pallet, so it takes a long time for them to fill a truck. Based on concerns from condo association residents, Insulet will use 'focused' lighting for exterior parking lots; more efficient equipment than was used when the building was last occupied will keep noise to a minimum. They will also contribute to the costs of the local shuttle service, community outreach programs and activities, and will provide parking for Acton's July 4th fireworks display. Wastewater usage is estimated to be 3.2 million gallons per year at peak occupancy; no water is used in the production process. 89% of the current Billerica staff would be within 30 miles of the Acton location; that's the same percentage of staff that's currently within 30 miles of their present location. The aim is to be going to market from their new facility by November, 2018.

Questions from the public (about ten present, plus six jacket-no-tie representatives from Insulet) and the committee centered on noise level, economic impact, construction schedule, and where the water is coming from.

Selby then presents information about the two relevant articles on the warrant.

Further questions based on the TIF were about the impact on residential property taxes, what the downsides are, how solid the company is, what the impact on schools might be based on employees potentially moving to Acton.

Further questions based on the zoning change proposal were about whether all buildings in Nagog Park could then expand to fit the increased floor to area ratio (FAR); the gist is that businesses looking to expand would be hemmed in by open space requirements and waste water needs.

Adjourned at 8:07 pm