

A regular meeting of the East Dedham Revitalization Committee (EDRC) was held on August 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the O'Brien Meeting Room, Dedham Town Hall, 26 Bryant St., Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

Dennis J. Guilfoyle (Board of Selectmen)
Dan Hart (Mother Brook Community Group)
Jason Brogan (Mother Brook Community Group)
Eileen Kelly (Precinct Six)
Linda McKee (Precinct Three)
Steve Davey (Precinct Three)

Due to a prior commitment, James O'Brien (Planning Board representative) was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Guilfoyle called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Also in attendance were Interim Town Manager Nancy Baker, Town Clerk Paul Munchbach and Economic Development Director Karen O'Connell.

Official Swearing-In

Mr. Munchbach official swore in the following members of the EDRC:

Election of Officers

Mr. Guilfoyle accepted nominations for Chairman. Mr. Brogan nominated Mr. Guilfoyle for Chairman; seconded by Mr. Hart and so voted.

Mr. Guilfoyle accepted nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Davey nominated Mr. Hart; seconded by Mr. Brogan and so voted.

Mr. Guilfoyle accepted nominations for Secretary. Ms. Kelly nominated Mr. Brogan; seconded by Mrs. McKee and so voted.

Review of Open Meeting Law

Ms. Baker provided the Board with open meeting law booklets and provided a brief overview.

Open Discussion with Board, Ms. Baker & Ms. O'Connell

Ms. O'Connell encouraged the Board to step forward for E. Dedham and meet with the area community groups like the Mother Brook Community Group and the Mother Brook

Arts and Community Ctr.

Ms. O'Connell made the recommended that the Board think about what we want to do and prioritize the list.

Ms. O'Connell referenced the E. Dedham Charrette that was put together by the Metropolitan Area Council and herself. The Charrette provides a demographic and economic overview of the E. Dedham area, case studies from other communities; recent changes in the E. Dedham area and recommendations for future improvements.

The Charrette is accessible on the Town of Dedham website:

<http://www.dedham-ma.gov/dedham/file/Economic%20Development/East-Dedham-Village-Charrette-Report-WEB.pdf>

Ms. O'Connell also mentioned that Rich McCarthy, the Town Planner worked with North Eastern to conduct a demographic study of Dedham and that the Board should read through it.

Mr. Hart inquired about available for funds to conduct a gap analysis related to current zoning regulations.

Ms. O'Connell stated that the Board would have to go through the budget process but it may be possible.

Ms. O'Connell mentioned that the Mother Brook Arts & Community Ctr. is looking for site specific liquor licenses and this may be something the Board looks to support.

Mr. Hart ask if it was too early to pursue the licenses.

Ms. Baker thought this would not be an issue

Ms. O'Connell stated that the site specific licenses would be a strategic piece of the Economic Development.

Ms. Baker proposed the next meeting be held on September 10th at 6:00 pm.

Round Table Discussion – Board Members Thoughts & Ideas for E. Dedham

Mr. Guilfoyle stated he wants to see an economic recovery and beautification of the area
Ms. Kelly stated that she wants to see outreach to the business owners and landlords and see them work together as a group. Ms. Kelly said they need to feel like they are part of the bigger picture

Mr. Davey stated he would like to see involvement with the conservation commission

Mr. Hart stated he wanted to emphasize the history and beautification of the area. Mr.

Hart stated that E.Dedham is the gateway into Dedham. Mr. Hart stated he wanted to see something done with the dam on Mother Brook and that the Board should pursue zoning changes.

Mr. Guilfoyle stated there were a lot of topics and the Board would need to prioritize. The board would need to break everything down and create an agenda.

Public Discussion

Mr. Krueger (Precinct 3) thanked everyone that applied for a position on the Board and congratulated them on their appointments.

Mr. Heisler (27 Meadow St. E. Dedham, Precinct 3) stated that the Board should be bold with their pursuit and that E. Dedham is primed for redevelopment. Mr. Heisler mentioned that the Board should look into the possibility of providing tax incentives for businesses to move into E. Dedham and emphasized zoning as a focal point

Mr. Keaney (126 Bussey St., Precinct 3) stated he was one of the sponsors for the warrant article to form the E. Dedham Revitalization Committee and told the Board to "Go for it". Mr. Keaney talked about the revitalization that took place in Dennis Port and provided examples of things that were done.

Mr. Heaslip (Whitehall St., Precinct 3) inquired about the amount of subsidized housing in E. Dedham and wanted to know if this could be limited.

Ms. Baker provided the names of the housing projects in the area.

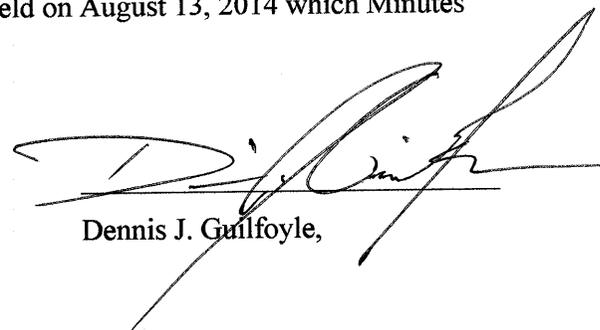
Closing

Ms. O'Connell made a recommendation that the Board read through all the documentation created to date.

Ms. Baker indicated that notification for the next meeting will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town of Dedham website

Mr. Hart moved to adjourn at 9:15 seconded by Mr. Brogan.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the East Dedham Revitalization Committee Meeting held on August 13, 2014 which Minutes were approved on


Dennis J. Guilfoyle, 9/17/14

Chairman