

**Economic Development Committee
Minutes of June 20, 2016
2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall**

Present: Alison Hughes, Tami Dristiliaris, Philippe Thibault, Frank Antifonario, Betsy Ware, Community Development Director and Recording Secretary Shannon Rowe

Mrs. Hughes opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Jay Donovan, NMCOCG – Dracut Economic Development Plan

Mr. Donovan appeared before the Board and presented the “draft” Dracut Economic Development Strategy dated June 2016. Mr. Donovan stated that the Executive Summary has been included in this Plan.

Mr. Donovan discussed Major Employer’s in Dracut and stated that he would add the list in the final draft for the Board of Selectmen’s approval.

Mr. Thibault discussed listing Dracut businesses and not including the Town of Dracut.

The Committee discussed the previous list of businesses and agreed to exclude the Town of Dracut and Dracut Public Schools. The Committee agreed to add Pride Star EMS to the list.

Motion made by Mrs. Dristiliaris to Accept the Final Draft which will include a list of Major Employers in Dracut. Motion seconded by Mr. Antifonario. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and Vote on Mission Statement to be Submitted to the Board of Selectmen

Mrs. Hughes provided the Committee with a “draft” Mission Statement for the Dracut Economic Development Committee. Mrs. Hughes read the Board of Selectmen’s By-Laws regarding Committee’s and discussed needing to create the make-up, charter and participants for this Committee. Mrs. Hughes stated that the Board of Selectmen will be officially voting on all Committee’s and adding them to their By-Laws.

The Committee discussed if they would continue to meet monthly. Mr. Thibault stated that it would be good for this Committee to meet monthly.

Ms. Ware discussed the number of recommendation in the Economic Development Plan.

Mrs. Hughes stated that they are also still working on the Economic Development part of the Town’s website.

The Committee agreed to add to the meeting schedule part of the mission statement, that the Committee would meet the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Ms. Ware discussed possibly having a member of the Board of Health be part of the Committee.

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The Committee agreed to add to the membership part of the mission statement, that the Committee would have seven members including a member from the Board of Health and a member from the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Donovan stated that he would help the Committee work on a work plan with the Economic Development Plan recommendations.

Motion made by Mrs. Dristiliaris to Accept the Dracut Economic Development Committee's Mission Statement. Motion seconded by Mr. Antifonario. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mrs. Hughes welcomed Mr. Thibault to the Economic Development Committee as the member from the Planning Board.

Mrs. Hughes discussed Board of Selectmen Committee's and Sub-Committee's.

The Committee discussed current affordable housing percentages in Dracut.

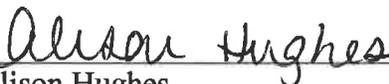
The Committee discussed upcoming projects including the project on Broadway Road.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Dristiliaris to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Thibault. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Alison Hughes



Fami Dristiliaris

Frank Antifonario



Philippe Thibault