

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Andover Inn. Present were: Chairman Timothy Vaill, John Fenton, Marlene Hoyt, Andrea Leary, David Pierre, and Jeffrey Spagat; also present were: Planning Director Paul Materazzo, Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Selectman Alex Vispoli, and ABCA President Holly Nahabedian.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Mr. Vaill and Phillips Academy Head of School Mr. John Palfrey welcomed the Economic Development Council members and Phillips Academy Administrators. Mr. Vispoli explained the inception and vision of the EDC on behalf of the Selectmen. Mr. Stapczynski expressed appreciation to PA for hosting the communications breakfast and described the strong relationship and rich legacy which exists between the Town of Andover and PA.

Economic Development Council

Mr. Vaill provided an overview of the vision goals of the EDC which is supported by the Planning Board staff. The following EDC accomplishments were highlighted:

- Revitalizing the Industrial Parks.
- Participation in the town's first Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) opportunity bringing over 700 new jobs.
- With support from the Planning Board, published a "Getting Started Guide" to assist new businesses with prompt and predictable permitting and help to retain old businesses.
- More efficient use of credit cards in Administrative Offices.

The following areas continue to be worked on:

- Working toward improvement of the downtown business district including parking.
- Getting better zoning in place especially in the Transit-Oriented District (TOD).
- Solution in Principle for Downtown – a vision for what is wanted in the downtown area moving forward.
- Involve the Town population in planning and communicating about growth, through the website, by providing commentary on key projects in the newspaper, and through the "Andover Tomorrow" program where speakers help to provide long-term demographics which are facing the town, and identify areas where the state can assist.
- Listening Tour – continue listening to various people expressing their opinions/concerns, and for EDC to gather information to help make Andover the best place to live and work in America. Today's meeting is part of this effort to clearly understand priorities, thoughts, and ideas from the PA Administration in order to continue to work and collaborate together.

Phillips Academy

Mr. Palfrey expressed the commitment of the PA faculty, their total devotion to the students, and obligation to provide a world-class education and atmosphere. The Campus Master Plan was last done in 1996 and an effort will be made to update this starting in the spring.

The following upcoming campus projects were discussed:

- An upgraded \$12M Health and Wellness Center to begin construction in the fall.

Phillips Academy (cont'd)

- Hoping to re-do the athletic facilities with money from refinancing their bond portfolio with improved terms and better liquidity.
- Assess faculty housing options and propose improvements.

Mr. Stapczynski expressed how PA helped Andover during the recession and has always been a good and responsible neighbor. There is a mutual relationship of respect and honesty between the Town and PA and efforts are continuously made to maintain this, including efforts to ensure accurate reporting in the press.

Additional Collaboration Efforts

Mr. Fenton proposed some suggestions for additional collaboration between the Town and PA:

- Create a bike-sharing program.
- Share fields with controls/rules set in place.
- Community Service efforts perhaps with Andover Elders or Veterans.
- Provide music entertainment utilizing the PA students' talents.

ABCA President Holly Nahabedian questioned what students or faculty would like to see in Town that would be appealing. There was discussion about how to communicate better with PA regarding events such as Andover Days or Holiday Happenings. PA Director of Business Services Chris Joel will be the liaison to assist with communication efforts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.