

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present were: Chairman Timothy Vaill, T. Bradley Duffin, John Fenton, Andrea Leary, Steven Leed, David Pierre, and Jeffrey Spagat; also present were: Planning Director Paul Materazzo, Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz, and ABCA President Holly Nahabedian.

Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Fenton seconded by Mr. Duffin, the Council voted to approve the April 2nd minutes by a unanimous vote.

EDC Update

There was discussion about the desire to attract additional restaurants to open in Town. Assurance of success is important due to the large investment that is needed and difficulty dealing with the Health Department due to strict guidelines. A suggestion was made to invite the Boston Restaurant Group to a future EDC meeting, as well as Andover Director of Public Health Tom Carbone, to provide an opportunity for open dialogue and feedback to determine if there are ways that the EDC can help to improve the culture. Other neighboring towns have similar strict guidelines, but the process is easier and encouraging. Short and long term goals should be established for improvement. Mr. Fenton, Mr. Pierre, Mr. Duffin and Ms. Nahabedian volunteered to form a sub-group to address some of these issues.

Update on Town Meeting Articles

EDC had voted to support the following Articles:

- A-27: Medical Center Regulations – Mr. Leed will talk in support on behalf of EDC
- A-42: ID2 allow additional story within a 50 foot structure – Mr. Fenton will speak in support
- A-49: Historic Mill District (HMD) – allow the geographic district to be established – Mr. Vaill will speak to support this and A-50
- A-50: HMD allow Zoning Overlay
- A-51: HMD private Article if needed. If A-50 passes, then this Article will be withdrawn
- A-54: Haverhill Street and Tantallon Road to change to General Business zoning – Mr. Pierre to speak in support

Private Article to landscape outdoor seating area: A motion was made by Mr. Duffin and seconded by Mr. Pierre in support of Mr. Fenton's Private Article to promote beautification. All members were in support.

New Town Manager Update

EDC members will brainstorm some ideals that are most important to consider when hiring a new Town Manager with respect to fostering Economic Development. Some EDC members may apply to be part of the five person Screening Committee who will make candidate recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.