

**Holliston Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2018**

Present: Chairman Peter Barbieri, Susan Russo, Lisa Zais, David Thorn and Matt Coletti. Also present was Town Administrator Jeff Ritter.

Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room (#105) of Town Hall.

General Business:

1. **Downtown Issues:** The Chairman reported that the Blair Square Committee would be meeting on 3/7 and is still looking for additional members. Some discussion of new and relocating businesses on Washington and Central Streets in the Downtown followed.
2. **Industrial Park Updates:** The Expedited Permitting (c. 43D) and Hopping Brook Business Park Priority Development Site is proceeding to state approval. Ms. Sherman reported that the site plan Review for 465 Hopping Brook Road has been appealed by some Medway abutters. The Chairman suggested that the Herb Chambers facility on Bartzak Drive would be ready for a grand opening/ribbon cutting in April. Mr. Ritter reported that the Mayflower Medicinals medical marijuana production and processing site is open for tours.
3. **Business & Community Guide:** Draft copy from GDP Publishing was distributed for review (i.e. Location, Why Live in Holliston, Why Do Business in Holliston, Of Special Interest, Schools, and Highlights). Edited text will be integrated with photos and ads for further review. Both an introductory message for the inside of the front cover and the back cover ad will be developed for review.
4. **Idea Exchange:** Mr. Coletti reported the service known as Neighborly.com, a clearinghouse for crowd-sourced municipal bonds used by several Massachusetts communities given the recent "wishlist" announced by the DPW and School Dept. regarding a water treatment plant for Well #5 and a new high school. He also suggested the potential for boat rentals on Lake Winthrop, similar to the services at the Hopkinton State Forest.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. on a motion made and duly seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sherman, Town Planner