

Holliston Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2019

Present: Chairman Peter Barbieri, Matt Coletti, and David Thorn. Lisa Zais was absent. Also present was Selectwoman Tina Hein.

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.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Coletti, seconded by Mr. Thorn, the members approved the minutes of June 12, 2019 as drafted.

General Business:

1. **Downtown Updates** - Mr. Coletti noted that the 9 Green Street Committee is scheduled to meet on the 22nd. Members reviewed the recommendations and implementation strategies from the 2013 Road Safety Audit of Washington Street prepared by Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates, Inc for MADOT and after some discussion, concluded that no priority issues should be forwarded to the Selectmen.
2. **Economic Development Funding Program** - Mr. Coletti circulated a revised draft information flyer for discussion, noting it was prepared primarily for bank solicitations. Some discussion of the Ashland partnership with Needham Bank followed. The Chairman asked that Mr. Ritter be asked to follow-up on the necessary legislation component.
3. **Industrial Parks** - Ms. Sherman updated members on ongoing construction on Boynton Road in Hopping Brook as well as acquisition of NE Professional Systems at 390 Hopping Brook by Starburst Printing, located at 300 Hopping Brook.
4. **Miscellaneous** - Some discussion followed on the issue of customary home occupations and professional home offices and the difficulty of regulating and inventorying them. Building Inspector Chris Canney requested that Ms. Sherman inquire about the appetite for addressing the issues with zoning by-law amendments. Suggestions were given regarding inventorying and mapping as well as establishing an administrative site plan and Special Permit threshold option. The Chairman suggested several website updates, including reference to SMOC resources (<https://www.smoc.org/economic-development.php>).

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded with all in favor. The next meeting was scheduled for September 11, 2019. Members will solicit for additional members.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sherman
Town Planner