

EDC Meeting Minutes 09/19/2007

Hopkinton Economic Development Committee
19 Sept 07
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members present: Judy Hampe, Cettie Connolly, Glen Ohlund, Robert Houston, Bruce Ellsworth, Chris Lawless, John Herrick, Mark Bates, Scott Flood.

Minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting were approved.

John Herrick reported on comparative costs of a new entrance to Burnham Intervale. A proposal by Byron Carr to enter a new road off Maple Street, travel along the river to Pine Street, widen Pine Street and enter onto Burnham's Intervale Road was estimated to cost \$11.5 million. An alternate route exiting Maple Street in the vicinity of the Marsh overflow and crossing Graziano's cornfield and the river was estimated to cost \$9 million.

Glen Ohlund reported on the proposed I-89 interchange and the recent meeting with Governor Lynch. Although that alternative was agreed by the members to have the least impact and the most convenient routing to the Burnham's Intervale area, the governmental, political, and environmental uncertainties appear to be too time-consuming and cost-prohibitive to allow further consideration. It was agreed that local options should be considered before pursuing this alternative.

The Carr proposal was ultimately tabled due to the likely adverse impact on local residents, the need to acquire property, and the need to redesign the interchange at Pine Street near the I-89 overpass. It would enter into a relatively congested area and, by providing an

alternate route into the village, might adversely affect traffic patterns.

The Maple Street proposal was chosen as the preferred alternate based on its limited impact on neighbors, its relative remoteness from the center of the village, its traversing of a portion of town property, and its apparent receptivity by at least one of the affected property owners.

The Committee agreed to invite the Conservation Committee to our next meeting to discuss the proposed project.

Scott Flood will use our new GPS system to provide maps of the area and will bring them to our next meeting.

Judy Hampe will investigate the details of the Conservation Committee's ownership of the Rice property.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, at 7:00pm, at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce B. Ellsworth, member

These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next EDC meeting on 10/3/07.