

EDC Meeting Minutes 01/16/2008

Hopkinton Economic Development Committee
January 16, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Judy Hampe, Chair, Cettie Connolly, Susan Leadbeater, Bruce Ellsworth, John Herrick, Mark Bates, Scott Flood, Glen Ohlund
Also Present: Tim Bernier.

Minutes of the last meeting have not been posted.

Scott Flood reported that a property owner has approached the Select Board offering to donate two parcels to the community. One has a multi-family residential property and the other contains a garage. Scott sought the input of the EDC for possible uses. Initial discussion focused on how one of the parcels might provide additional parking for the Columbia Hall building. Additional discussion and study is needed before a plan could evolve.

Scott Flood also detailed additional budget season information which stimulated discussion about how important it is to diversify the current property tax base for the town.

Tim Bernier, Principal, TF Bernier, Inc.(Land Services Consultant) presented his findings on the Kast Hill access roadway to Burnham Intervale. There is a fair amount of complexity to this access as the rail bed has many layers of ownership history. The rail right of way would probably need to be expanded to create a sufficient commercial/industrial roadway into the Burnham Intervale parcel. Tim asked if the base data from an earlier study by Provan and Lorber was available that would allow for easy expansion of the data set to include his cost estimates and comparison between access options. Bruce Ellsworth agreed to call Karen in Planning to see if the materials are available electronically.

Discussion about securing consultant services to update the earlier report were not concluded. There is a possibility that either Provan and Lorber or TF Bernier could complete the cost comparisons.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Ohlund, member

**Next meeting March 19 2008 at 7:00 at the Maple Street School
Conference Room**