

MILFORD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014
4:00 P.M., Room 14, Milford Town Hall

Members Present: Joseph Boczanowski, Larry Dunkin (Chair), Bradlee Farrin, Daniel Gregory, Michael Meurant, Peter Scandone.

Members Absent: Courtney Derderian, Scott Kaplan, Robert Mitchell, Tony Pinto, Joseph Soares.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Chairman received unanimous consent to accept the minutes of the 1-16-14 IDC meeting as written.

Transportation Bond Bill Items: The Chairman noted that Representative Fernandes had submitted language for inclusion in this year's transportation bond bill. The projects included were the Alternate Route Project – Phase I, \$1.2M for the Rte. 16 / Rte. 109 signals project, and \$150K for the Dilla Street bridge project.

Continued Discussion – Future of the IDC: The Commission members continued discussing the current status and possible future directions for the IDC. Materials were again in the agenda packet for this item, which included an updated draft memo to the Town Administrator, a copy of Article 6 of the Town's General Bylaws establishing the IDC, a copy of the enabling legislation MGL Ch. 40 Sec. 8A, a copy of MGL Ch. 41 Sec. 1 dealing with vacancies, and a copy of Town Counsel's letter to the Town Planner clarifying that there are no residency requirements for IDC membership.

The members agreed with the IDC expanding its focus to include more of an economic development function, but reiterated the need for adequate staff and sufficient funding to do so. The members also agreed that the existing Community Development Director position be converted to a full time Town staff person, and no longer rely on only CDBG grants for funding.

Members agreed that the updated memo should be finalized and delivered, suggesting only minor changes to incorporate the involvement of the community colleges in any future study of the Middle School East, and to seek consultant funding to update the 1995 Economic Development Strategy. Members also requested attendance by a member of the Board of Selectmen at future IDC meetings.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.