

MILFORD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2015

4:00 P.M., Room 14, Milford Town Hall

Members Present: Courtney Derderian, Larry Dunkin (Chair), Daniel Gregory, Scott Kaplan, Tony Pinto, Peter Scandone.

Members Absent: Joseph Boczanowski, Michael Meurant, Robert Mitchell, Matt Shields, Joseph Soares.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Chairman received unanimous consent to accept the minutes of the 4-16-15 and 5-21-15 IDC meetings. It was noted that the 6-18-15 IDC meeting was not held due to lack of attendance.

Update: Middle School East Re-use Committee: The Chairman noted that Rob Mitchell had e-mailed a brief update, a printed copy of which was included in the agenda packet. He had reported that Round 1 of bidding for real estate assessment was unsuccessful with only one bidder who did not quote to the RFP. Subsequently, a new RFP was issued, a walk thru completed, and an addendum issued. Bids under this RFP were due back last week. An executive committee will evaluate and interview top candidates. A recommendation will be made to the entire committee at the October full Committee meeting.

Possible Renewal of Main Street Festival: Peter Scandone reported that he and Joe Soares had continued discussing the possibility of having an annual town festival in Town Park rather than on Main Street. This was due in part to the traffic congestion on Main Street, and the logistical problems associated with any closure of the street. They are now investigating sponsorship, and licensing issues for such an event.

Update: Town-wide GIS: The Chairman noted that additional GIS presentations to both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee that were initially planned prior to the Fall Special Town Meeting will not take place. The original expectation was that a portion of last fiscal year's IDC budget would be used for the GIS presentations. Now that the project will not be considered until the Spring Annual Town Meeting, funds from this fiscal year's budget will be needed for any additional presentations. Motion by Pinto, Second by Derderian to expend the FY-16 IDC budget for GIS-related expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman also reviewed progress on the Web-based GIS. The on-line Web-based GIS site that is visible to the general public has been updated to include an additional base map showing building locations, and a new thematic layer showing voting precincts. Thematic layers for street centerlines, catch basin locations, and Assessor-related "neighborhood districts" are now viewable by Town Staff. Funding for these enhancements was provided in part from the FY-15 IDC budget that was unexpended due to the cancellation of the presentations mentioned earlier.

Discussion of Uncompleted Projects: The members reviewed a list of uncompleted projects for further discussion and possible referral to the Selectmen to inquire as to the reasons for the delays. Those projects included the following: Town-wide GIS; Alternate Route; Beaver Street Round-a-bout; Rte.16/85 intersection redesign (old Gibbs gas station); Residential uses in downtown. These projects will be discussed individually in more detail at upcoming IDC meetings. The Chairman also noted recent reports relating to residential uses downtown, including a building inventory and parking demand analysis. The reports were included in the agenda packet.

MWRTA: The Chairman noted the materials in the agenda packet relating to Milford's recent acceptance into membership of the MWRTA.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.