

MILFORD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
4:00 P.M., Room 14, Milford Town Hall

Members Present: Scott Kaplan, Matt Shields, Joseph Soares. Robert Mitchell (Chair), Tony Pinto, Daniel Gregory, Tom Wesley

Members Absent: Larry Dunkin, Michael Meurant, Joseph Boczanowski,

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

Minutes of previous meeting: The Chairman received unanimous consent, except for the abstention by Tom Wesley who was not in attendance, to accept the minutes of the 6-23-16 IDC meeting.

Membership: Some changes to the makeup of the committee were discussed. The Chairman announced that due to anticipated relocation out of Milford, he is resigning effective January 1, 2017. The committee feels the position should be held by a resident of Milford and follow-on discussions will occur at the next meeting for a suggested replacement. Peter Scandone, likewise, is moving out of Milford and has tendered his resignation. At the conclusion of this meeting, Dan Gregory submitted his resignation as well. This leaves two immediate open positions and one starting in 2017. Tom Wesley was welcomed as a new member to the group representing Waters Corporation.

Initiatives: The minutes of meeting from June were used as an outline to further discuss the recommended initiatives and their progress.

- Traffic: Scott Kaplan agreed to provide a map of Milford with his opinion of problem areas for truck traffic at the next meeting. Other traffic issues, especially delays through Main St. were discussed briefly and tabled.
- Training facilities: Discussed the recent decision by the school committee to retain control of Middle School East. Tom Wesley educated the group on efforts made by Mass MEP/MACWIC and by John Fernandez, co-chair of the Mass Manufacturing Caucus. The group confirmed there is both a need by industry and a benefit to local residents and warrants IDC's attention.
- Downtown "revitalization" is still a topic of concern for the IDC. Peter Scandone was tasked with leading this effort, but has since left the committee. Further discussion on the approach to this topic is needed due to complex and competing interests involved with changes to this area.

New Business: Due to the limited resources of the committee and the broad topics listed in the initiatives, the chairman recommended that all members familiarize themselves with the existing Milford Comprehensive Plan, published in 2003. Although it may be out of date in some areas, key topics are still relevant and some recommendations have yet to be implemented. This could be a good framework for focusing IDC's efforts. The plan will be provided to all members and discussed at the next meeting.

Marketing Literature: Tony Pinto provided the group with literature provided by Franklin to local real estate professionals during a recent marketing event. This literature will be provided to the Town Planner with further discussion by this committee with respect to the benefits of a similar effort by Milford.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.