

MILFORD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010
4:00 P.M., Room 14, Milford Town Hall

Members Present: Joseph Boczanowski, Bradlee Farrin, Barry Feingold, Scott Kaplan, Michael Peterson, Tony Pinto, Joseph Soares, Bill Stares, Larry Dunkin (Chair).

Members Absent: Gina Braza, Courtney Derderian.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Chair received unanimous consent to accept the minutes of the 1-27-10 meeting.

Crossroads Resort Project – Update: The Town Planner provided the members with an update on the proposed casino to be located north of I-495 on the former Robsham and Shea properties. He outlined the contents of the letter to the Legislature that the four planning groups are preparing. The groups are the Metrowest Growth Management Committee, The 495/MetroWest Partnership, The South West Advisory Planning Committee. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council will be sending a separate letter. The letters will point out development impact concerns and the need to address mitigation while retaining state-level reviews (i.e. MEPA) as well as local zoning controls.

Barry Feingold mentioned that the casino proponent David Nunes had met earlier today with the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee to discuss their proposal for the Crossroads Resort project. Barry said the developer wants to provide a separate exit off I-495 directly into the site, and would be providing updated development sketches to the Town in the near future.

Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Satellite Campus - Update: The Town Planner review the outcome of the 2-1-10 meeting of the working group that was held in Whitinsville. He noted that the Milford School Superintendent had also been in attendance. He provided copies to the members of the agenda packet from the meeting, and explained that QCC would be analyzing changes in enrollment data from the communities surrounding the new Southbridge Camus to estimate a possible scenario should a satellite campus be located in the Milford area. The next working group meeting will be in Whitinsville on 3-1-10.

Milford in Top Ten ranking: The Town Planner provided the members in information packet on Milford's recent designation as one of the state's top ten communities for economic development and growth by Business Development Strategies, Inc. The packet contained articles from the ICMA On-line News Briefing and the Raynham Call Newspaper, as well as a staff memo that listed factors contributing to the designation.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

NOTE - The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.