

MILFORD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, June 26, 2014
4:00 P.M., Room 14, Milford Town Hall

Members Present: Larry Dunkin (Chair), Daniel Gregory, Robert Mitchell, Peter Scandone.

Members Absent: Joseph Boczanowski, Courtney Derderian, Bradlee Farrin, Scott Kaplan, Michael Meurant, Tony Pinto, Joseph Soares.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: The Chairman received unanimous consent to accept the minutes of the 5-15-14 IDC meeting as written.

OR Zoning on Main Street: The Chairman advised the members that the Planning Board agreed that having the IDC study the Main Street corridor from Water Street to the Hopedale Town Line could be helpful in making future land use and zoning decisions for that area. Peter Scandone reported his findings from numerous hours spent over the last several weeks taking a walking/windshield survey of the area. He provided a written report showing the use and condition of the 97 properties. The members suggested that a follow-up memo be produced to elaborate on the criteria used in determining the condition rankings. The next step would then be to prepare maps illustrating the various layers of data to support zoning recommendations.

Appoint IDC representative – Middle School East Re-use Committee: The Chairman provided the members with general information about the Middle School East building, which is scheduled to come off-line as a school when the new Woodland School is completed. The Chairman appointed Rob Mitchell as the IDC representative on the newly formed Middle School East Re-Use Committee.

Update on Town-Wide GIS Needs Assessment & Implementation Plan: The Chairman advised the members that Town Meeting approved funding in May of this year for a Town-wide Geographic Information System (GIS) Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan. The Needs Assessment phase of the Plan calls for an initial kick-off meeting for the various departments most likely to benefit from a town-wide GIS. The hour-long Kick-off Meeting/Presentation will be on Tuesday, July 8th, starting at 9:30AM in Room 3 of Town Hall. Individual departmental interviews with AppGeo staff are scheduled to follow the presentation. The IDC members received the schedule and project scope in their meeting agenda packets.

Comprehensive Plan Update & Zoning Reform (HB-4065): The Chairman noted that he has been requested to report to the Selectmen regarding the possible updating of the Comprehensive Plan. In light of the possible passage of the Zoning Reform Bill in this legislative session, the exact contents and context of the plan may be slightly different from the current standards. However, in light of IDC's interest in possibly updating the 1995 Economic Development Strategy, as well as focusing on Downtown Revitalization, an updated Comprehensive Plan would legitimately be able to focus on these areas as elements of the Plan.

New Business: Peter Scandone reported on the work of the Ad Hoc Milford Decorations Committee. The committee is seeking funding from the Town to purchase and install holiday banners on the street lights within the downtown area. The Highway Surveyor is a member of the committee and is assisting with the project.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.