

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 4, 2010**

1. Roll Call

Bryers - present	Durocher - present	Fish - present	Kermes - present
Mazzier - absent	Moffitt - absent	Viele - present	White - absent

2. Minutes of January 7, 2010 Meeting

Bryers moved, Kermes seconded; motion carried: "To approve the minutes of January 7, 2010 as presented."

3. Review of Zoning Ordinance

a. Draft Use Code Table Revisions

Members were in agreement that the proposed draft Use Code Table revisions were acceptable and should be forwarded to members of the Planning Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the EDC involvement in contributing to updates to the economic element of the Comprehensive Community Plan. Mr. Nickerson will check with the Director of Planning regarding the proposed schedule for the Plan update.

Members discussed the letter to Planning Board Chair Maria Mack, dated January 20, 2010. Members were in agreement that a follow up letter would be forwarded if deemed necessary by the Committee. The EDC will discuss this matter further at their March regular meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the agenda for the next workshop with the Planning Board, tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2010. At this point it is not clear whether a discussion of the draft Use Code Tables would be part of that agenda.

4. Other Items of Concern and Interest

Mr. Fish requested that copies of the recently completed Peace Dale and Wakefield Village Study, prepared by Horsley Witten Group, be provided to EDC members. Mr. Nickerson will distribute copies of the study, in either an electronic or hard copy format, at the next regular EDC meeting.

Ms. Durocher reviewed recent changes in the occupancy of commercial space at South County Commons. Discussion ensued concerning this and related matters.

A general discussion ensued regarding the role that the Economic Development Committee should play in the decision making process. Members were in agreement that

the EDC functions as an advocate for encouraging new commercial and industrial development which will assure the Town has a diverse tax base, as well as, employment opportunities for its citizens. The EDC recognizes that the location of particular commercial and/or industrial development is dependent upon many related land use factors.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by unanimous vote.