

Submitted by Jack Hunter

Minutes of June 27, 2018 Hudson Economic Development Commission Meeting 6:30 pm.

3rd Floor Conference Room, Hudson Town Hall.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Don Garcia, Tom Davis, Sarah Cressy, Chris Tibbals, Chuck Randall, Nusrath Kahn and Hugh Gardner.

Others present Jack Hunter (Director of Planning & Community Development), Kristina Johnson (Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development)

Members absent Matt Tucker and Bill Sullivan

Appointment: Alec Lopez / Conico

Mr. Hunter informed the EDC that Mr. Lopez could not make the meeting but looked forward to meeting with the EDC in the future.

Medusa TIF

Mr. Hunter noted that at this time Medusa has decided not to come forward. With the TIF, though they may come forward in 2019.

Town Updates

Cherry Street Extension – Mr. Hunter noted that he has not heard from Mr. Doherty, therefore does not have any further information at this time.

South Street – Ms. Johnson informed the board that Century Paving is currently starting the project and the really good news is that they expect to finish the job in October 2018.

Downtown Rotary– Mass works grant – Mr. Hunter informed the Board that the Town is preparing an application to the Massworks program due in August. Though it may be a long shot, staff feels this is important project to move forward and MassWorks is our best chance.

Washington Street Bridge – Ms. Johnson stated that the bridge is essentially complete with just some very minor punch list items to complete. All in all staff feels this has been a success.

Comprehensive rezoning – Mr. Hunter mentioned that our committee has been meeting but the project manager for RKG has left the firm, leaving a gap in staffing on their part. We are currently working with RKG to solve the situation. Staff feels fall Town Meeting of 2019 is still a reasonable goal for the project.

C1 Expansion – Mr. Hunter explained that the Selectman are looking to further enhance the opportunities in the Downtown and one of their strategies is to expand the C1 zoning to areas where there are prospects for economic development. They are hoping to have a fall article to accomplish this.

Outdoor Dining – Another opportunity is to allow outdoor dining in appropriate locations in the Downtown. Staff is working with the BID to adopt by laws to make that happen.

Additional Liquor Licenses – In addition, the Selectman are looking to petition the legislature to grant additional liquor licenses to the Town. Currently no licenses are available and with the upturn in activity in Hudson more licenses will be desperately needed.

BID updates – Mr. Hunter reminded the EDC that the BID is up and running and as you can see many of the efforts are already visible in the Downtown such as flowers, lighting, benches and trash barrels.

Other Developments – Mr. Hunter updated the EDC on possible projects at Larkin Lumber, 34 Tower Street, Ground Effects and other possibilities.

Minutes – 12.6.17 – On a motion by Ms. Kahn, seconded by Mr. Randall the minutes of 12.6.17 were unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:40 pm.