Economic Development Subcommittee November 28, 2018 Minutes

TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOWN CLERK

Members present: Matthew Kelly, Glenn Jones, Melanie Hamblen, Manny McCarthy Earls.

Also in attendance: Thomas Mercer, Deborah Pellegri, Anthony Padria, Joseph Halligan, John Carroll, Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting, Deputy Town Administrator Jamie Hellen, Planning Director Bryan Taberner, Building Commissioner Gus Brown, and Steve Sherlock.

Matt Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM, and read a statement into the record regarding attendance of Town Councilors not on the Economic Development Subcommittee.

Brewery, Winery, Distillery Bylaw Issues - food requirement. Jamie Hellen provided a summary of the issue before the Committee. The Town's Bylaws requires that all alcohol serving establishments must also serve food and have at least 40 seats. Should the Town continue to require food for the new farmer series facilities (Brewery, Winery or Distillery with taproom). Should we take a General Bylaw to the full Council? A variety of related issues were discussed, including parking requirements, and the 25 percent maximum taproom restriction. Lacantina has a State pouring license, but not a Town license. Jeff Nutting met with three or four possible brewers during the last year. Glenn Jones stated he was not in favor of any alcohol serving establishment without food. Mr. Kelly stated the Town needed to look at the entire Bylaw, not just the food content. The Administration will look at everything. Mr. Kelly stated the Administration will do needed research and the issue will be put on a January agenda.

Next Meeting. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be December 12, 2018 at 5:45 PM. Mr. Kelly stated the focus of the next Economic Development Committee will be looking at the over 55 housing overlay, update on the 2013 Master Plan, and if there was time the Clark, Cutler McDermott rezoning would be discussed. Mr. Kelly stated Committee members will be provided with a Zoning Map and Use Charts.

Kim Holloran of 5 Nicholas Drive asked to speak with the Committee about the condition of Prospect Street. With a large subdivision being proposed that would impact two locations along prospect street there was a need to address existing road conditions. Ms. Holloran mentioned a variety of issues including speeding vehicles on a narrow road, through truck traffic from Bellingham, limited site lines, steep hill when approaching Washington Street, the daycare facility, and water freezing on roads. Mr. Nutting mentioned the issues are not Economic Development Committee issues; the Planning Board should address impacts to roadways from new development. Ms. Holloran stated she was told by the Planning Board to reach out to the Economic Development Committee about existing problems and the Planning Board would consider impacts from the future development. Mr. Nutting stated the Administration can take the lead on existing traffic conditions. Mr. Hellen stated he would help, and suggested Ms. Holloran provide him with contact and other information after the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 PM