

Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

EDC Members:	Councilor Melanie Hamblen, Chair; Councilor Cobi Frongillo, Vice Chair; Councilor Patrick Sheridan; Councilor Glenn Jones
Other Members of the Steering Committee:	Bruce Hunchard, Zoning Board Chair; Greg Rondeau, Planning Board Chair, Beth Wierling, Planning Board Clerk
Town Staff:	Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator; Mark Cerel, Town Attorney; Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator; Brian Taberner, Director of Planning and Community Development

Chair Hamblen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and stated that this is an Economic Subcommittee Steering Committee+ meeting, and read announcements.

Agenda:

1. Discussion: "Franklin For All" MAPC Study Conclusion & Committee Recommendations
 - a. Staff Memo
 - b. [Franklin For All Executive Summary and Final Report](#)
 - c. [Franklin - DHCD Approved Housing Production Plan](#)
- There was a discussion regarding the eleven recommendations included within the MAPC Franklin For All Executive Summary and Final Report (linked above); descriptions of each recommendation are included in the Report. Each member of the Steering Committee provided their top three recommendations.
 - Recommendations ranked in order of votes counted:
 - Rec #8 - 6 votes (Wierling, Rondeau, Hunchard, Jones, Frongillo, Hamblen)
 - Rec #7 - 5 votes (Wierling, Rondeau, Jones, Frongillo, Hamblen)
 - Rec #1 - 4 votes (Rondeau, Frongillo, Hamblen, Sheridan)
 - Rec #10 - 2 votes (Hunchard, Sheridan)
 - Rec #11 - 2 votes (Hunchard, Jones)
 - Rec #3 - 1 vote (Wierling)
 - Rec #5 - 1 vote (Sheridan)
- Town Attorney Mark Cerel spoke on Recommendation #1 relating to Chapter 40R, discussing his concerns and the different ways it can be approached. There was further detailed discussion among the Committee and Town staff about Chapter 40R, its potential advantages, disadvantages, and various related topics.
- There was further discussion about Recommendation #11 relating to Tax Increment Financing (TIF), #8 relating to parking, other recommendations that were among one or some of the Councilors' top three. Discussion continued regarding the reasoning behind ranking decisions, prioritization of projects, what can be done quickly while working on longer term projects, and other topics related to the MAPC's final report and recommendations.
- There was discussion regarding when to hold the next Steering Committee+ meeting and a general consensus that it would most likely be held on September 21st.

Chair Hamblen adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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