Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

EDC Members: Councilor Melanie Hamblen, Chair; Councilor Cobi Frongillo, Vice Chair; Councilor Patrick

Sheridan; Councilor Glenn Jones

Other Members of

Steering Committee: Bruce Hunchard, Zoning Board Chair (Zoom); Greg Rondeau, Planning Board Chair, Beth Wierling,

Planning Board Clerk

Town Staff: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator (Zoom); Alecia Alleyne, Assistant to the Town Administrator; Brian

Taberner, Director of Planning and Community Development

Chair Hamblen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., read announcements and stated this is a Steering Committee meeting.

Agenda:

- 1. Discussion: "Franklin For All" MAPC Study Conclusion & Committee Recommendations
 - a. Staff Memo Implementation Timeline
 - b. Franklin For All Executive Summary and Final Report
 - c. Franklin DHCD Approved Housing Production Plan
- Town Administrator Jamie Hellen (TA Hellen) stated that at this meeting the Committee would be providing an update and
 discussing a timeline regarding the MAPC study recommendations that were prioritized by the Committee at the previous
 EDC meeting in August, as well as discussing a timeline for some projects that are included in Town Council goals. TA Hellen
 gave a brief overview of the first two memos in the agenda packet:
 - September 16th dated memo with a proposed timeline for projects/events
 - September 14th dated memo from Brian Taberner outlining in detail some of the framework for each issue that was part of the Franklin For All (FFA) project
 - Mr. Taberner summarized the content of this memo, speaking specifically on 40R zoning, inclusionary zoning, housing density in the downtown, accessory dwelling units and shared parking in the downtown. There was further discussion between Mr. Taberner, TA Hellen, and the Committee.

2. Downtown Parking Lot Proposal

- a. Downtown Parking Lot Town Administrator Memo
- b. Downtown Parking District Maps Current vs. Proposed
- c. Traffic Fines Bylaw materials
- d. Downtown Parking Bylaw Parking Rates Proposal
- TA Hellen gave an overview of the third memo in the packet, dated September 16th, regarding a proposed revised downtown parking district map and other parking related matters. He walked through the proposed map revisions [attached]. TA Hellen also discussed proposed changes to bylaws relating to traffic fines and downtown parking rates, and information surrounding proposed parking kiosks. Multiple residents and/or business owners voiced their opinions on these proposed parking related changes. There was further discussion between the Committee and TA Hellen.
- Councilor Jones made a motion to amend the proposed parking district map to increase the proposed 1-hr parking to 2-hr parking. Councilor Frongillo seconded the motion. Motion to amend passed 4-0.
- Councilor Frongillo made a motion to amend the proposed Bylaw Amendment 22-879, to increase the "All Night Parking, When Restricted" fine from \$25 to \$50. Councilor Jones seconded the motion. Motion to amend Bylaw Resolution 22-879 passed 3-1 (Hamlen-Yes, Frongillo-Yes, Sheridan-Yes, Jones-No).
- Councilor Frongillo stated he would like to vote to empower the Town Administrator to establish parking hours, rates and times. There was further discussion and it was decided that this would get taken up at a future meeting.
- Councilor Sheridan made a motion to add Resident Only Overnight language to signs on West St., East St., Nason St., &
 Church St. There was further discussion between TA Hellen and the Committee. Motion was not seconded.
- Chair Hamblen stated she would take a motion to approve the two bylaw amendments as amended. Council Jones seconded the motion. Motion to approve the bylaw amendments as amended was approved 4-0.
- Chair Hamblen stated she would take a motion to accept the changes in the fee schedule, section K. Motion was moved by Councilor Frongillo. Motion was approved 3-1 (Hamblen-Yes, Frongillo-Yes, Sheridan-Yes, Jones-No).



