



**Economic Development Commission (EDC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6 pm  
Town Hall Central Meeting Room – 11 Meetinghouse Lane**

In attendance: Vice Chair Jeremy Rosner, Scott Prud'homme & Clio Nicolakis,

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.
2. It was noted that Robert Sharrer resigned from EDC due to relocation. As there was not a quorum, discussion relating to an EDC Chair was deferred to the next meeting.
3. May & June Meeting Minutes: Vote deferred to next meeting.
4. Business District Update:
  - **2030 Task Force Update:** Jeremy Rosner reported an application will be filed for LOTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program) grant funds for \$11.5 million to help with pedestrian and roadway infrastructure improvements in the Woodbridge business area. SLR Consulting has been asked to help with the application process.
  - **EDC Business Outreach Strategy:** Discussion took place regarding how the EDC might support the 2030 Task Force in “getting the word out” to businesses and business property owners about the forthcoming changes to the business area. It was noted that prior to helping in this area, funding will need to become available and the scope of the pedestrian and roadway projects improvements would need to be defined.
  - **Regional Economic Development Groups:** At this week’s GNH Chamber’s EDC meeting, it was noted that Dale Kroop & Ginny Kozlowski (REX Development) presented a new program offering free services to help towns with a variety of their economic development needs including the consult on topics like reviving Economic Development Committees, Economic Development Plans, and workforce development. Jeremy Rosner reached out for additional information.
5. **Gift Card Program:** Discussion to be deferred to next meeting.

6. **Business Signs Update:** It is believed that the ordinance is under review. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting as Shawn Flynn sits on ZBA and may be able to provide additional information.
7. **Other Business Updates:** As a commercial real estate update, Jeremy Rosner noted that Woodbridge has had a lot of new traction possibly because of the new development in the business area. It was noted that aside from the former Grimaldi's and Red Barn, retail space is not available. Additionally, the former Wheelers and UPS Store locations have had a lot of action with applications submitted. Discussion ensued regarding the 1500 sq. ft. zoning criteria.

Identifying the procedure for businesses to update the Town website with their business information and how to access the website business database (based on business classification) for email communication were discussed. Follow up will take place.

8. No public comment.
9. **Next Meeting:** October 12, 2023
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Toni Belenski*