

**Economic Development
Committee**

William Plasko, Chairman
Alan Slater
Scott Murphy
Thomas Wynne
Denis Drummey
Stephen Costello



**Planning and Economic
Development Director**
Paul Halkiotis

General Manager
John J. Carroll

Economic Development Minutes, July 15, 2015

Present: Bill Plasko, Paul Halkiotis, Alan Slater, Scott Murphy, John Carroll

Committee Re-Organization – Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Mr. Halkiotis asked for nominations for Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Plasko to nominate Steve Costello as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy

Vote Unanimous motion passed

Mr. Halkiotis asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Slater to nominate Bill Plasko as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy

Vote Unanimous motion passed

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Slater to approve the minutes of May 27, 2015, seconded by Mr. Murphy

Vote Unanimous motion passed

Universal Wilde – TIF

Mr. Halkiotis updated the Committee on a meeting with two of the officers from Universal Wilde. Mr. Halkiotis said that he will follow up with them and explain why they can't do a TIF because they have already signed the lease. Mr. Halkiotis will provide them with a couple of resources to help them out such as employment training and providing transportation for their employees.

Update on Industrial properties – 84 Morse Street & Norwood Commerce Center

Mr. Halkiotis told the Committee that the purchase and sales agreement for the Norwood Commerce Center fell through. David DePree from Cathardis said that there were a lot of code issues to bring this property up to code. Mr. Halkiotis feels that the Town should be proactive in providing some incentives to entice someone to think they might get a return on their investment.

Mr. Halkiotis said that David DePree had 84 Morse Street under agreement also, and they are doing a Phase II environmental assessment to understand the amount of contamination on this site. David Dupree said they should be ready by the end of August to make a decision on whether or not they would be moving forward or not. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Halkiotis led the discussion on Expedited Permitting (43D) for the Upland Woods area. The Committee noted that this would not have as big an impact they were hoping for because there is not much land for potential development but it could be a deciding factor in helping someone make a decision for commercial development there.

Mr. Halkiotis will look at Expediting Permitting in other industrial zones.

Mr. Plasko suggested that the Committee meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Motion made by Mr. Murphy to have the EDC meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, seconded by Mr. Slater

Vote Unanimous motion passed

The Economic Development Committee adjourned.