

Economic Development Committee

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Tony Mazzucco, General Manager
Paul Halkiotis, AICP
Director of Community Planning
& Economic Development

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Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

In person meeting Room 24, 1st floor Town Hall

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Present:

Stephen Costello, Chairman
William Plasko, Vice Chairman
Alan Slater
Tom Wynne
Scott Murphy

Other Attendees:

Paul Halkiotis, Planning & Economic Development Director,
Joe Collins, Budget Management Analyst
Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

Call to Order

At 6:00 PM Chairman Stephen Costello, called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approval of Minutes for 8/19/21 & 9/8/21 Meetings.

Vote: four in favor and one abstention, Stephen Costello; minutes approved.

2. Life Sciences Development District & Moderna's Master Plan

Paul Halkiotis updated the Committee on Moderna's future development plans for a logistics building, parking garage, additional lab and R&D facilities. The new Life Sciences Development District was unanimously approved at the March Special Town Meeting. The new Zoning District will allow Moderna to move forward with their development plans.

3. **Norwood Hospital Redevelopment** – Paul Halkiotis reviewed the conceptual development plans for Norwood Hospital. The floor area ratio (FAR) amendment approved at the March STM will allow the Hospital redevelopment plans to move forward.
4. **New Economic Development Position** – Tony Mazzucco, General Manager
Mr. Mazzucco discussed plans to establish a new Economic Development Director (EDD) position. The position would be split between doing work for the Light Department and the General Manager. The ED Director will report to the General Manager and be the new primary staff person to the Economic Development Committee. The position will likely be filled in the fall of 2022.
5. **Review & Discussion of Economic Development Committee’s Charter**
The EDC discussed the Committee’s Charter and the need to return to quarterly meetings. The EDC schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: June 9, September 8, December 8, 2022. All meetings will start at 6:00PM. In reviewing the Charter, committee members noted that all of the members terms are for the same period of time. Most committees are set up to have staggered terms for each member. The EDC decided to revisit this matter and discuss making the terms staggered with the Board of Selectmen. This would require a change in the Charter.
6. Outdoor Dining – Joe Collins, presented his report on Outdoor Dining that included the results of a survey that showed overwhelming support for continuing the outdoor dining program that was established during the covid indoor dining restrictions. He also discussed plans for this year’s outdoor dining program.
7. Old / New Business
8. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned - 6:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Halkiotis, Director Community Planning & Economic Development