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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES: FEBRUARY 3, 2020

ABLONDI ROOM, 5:30 PM

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MICHAEL P. CANNON | CHRISTINE A. LONG | ADAM C. STEINER

APPROVED: JULY 8, 2020

Present: Michael Cannon, Christine Long, Adam Steiner

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 PM Mr. Steiner called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agenda.

ORGANIZATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Long made a motion to nominate Michael Cannon to be the Chair of the Economic Development Subcommittee; Steiner seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Mr. Steiner made a motion to nominate Christine Long to be the Vice Chair of the Economic Development Subcommittee; Mr. Cannon seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

DISCUSSION

City Council Referral - Vacant Property Database

Mr. Cannon remarked that the Vacant Property Database was suggested by Mr. Steiner and held over from the last Council term.

Mr. Steiner explained that at a Mass Municipal Association Conference he learned that the Town of Arlington implemented a program to force communication between their Economic Development Department and vacant property owners that was successful, and he is interested in discussing whether a similar program is appropriate for Framingham. For the next meeting Mr. Steiner stated that he will provide information regarding Arlington’s program and suggested language for an ordinance.

Ms. Long suggested including and overview of the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC) to learn whether they may be a resource to support the committee’s efforts.

Mr. Cannon recommended and Mr. Steiner agreed to contact the new Economic Development Director and the Chair of EDIC for their comments.

NEXT STEPS

Next Meeting Date and Potential Topics

Mr. Cannon mentioned several of the previous Economic Development Subcommittee accomplishments. He suggested that the subcommittee communicate their mission with both large and small businesses, which is to support the development of new businesses and help them remain, grow and thrive in Framingham.

The committee agreed to base the next meeting date sometime in March and on the timing of Mr. Steiner's presentation on the Vacant Property Database, or sooner if needed.

ADJOURN

At 5:40 PM Ms. Long made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Steiner seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Caines*