

Belchertown EDIC
February 17, 2016 Meeting



Members: Bill Terry __ (arrived 7:30) Jonathan Spiegel __ x __ Beth Maroney __ x __
Kirk Stephens __ x __ Bob Rivard _____ Richard Kump __ x __
Guest, Presenters, Observers;
Kevin Sbriscia, Cimex Company
Pat Barry, Community Television
Steve Williams, Town DPW (arrived 7:45)

Kirk Stephens opened the meeting at 7:10 PM – There were no additions to the agenda

Agenda Item #1 Adoption of Meeting Minutes Jan. 20, 2015

Kirk Stephens moved to accept the minutes of the meeting as presented
Beth Maroney Seconded. Jonathan Spiegel was absent at that meeting. Voted 3 – 0 – 1

Agenda Item #2 – Discussion of impact of street name change on the property.

Kirk Stephens introduced Kevin Sbriscia of the Cimex Company to discuss the impact of a street name change might have on his company. The EDIC has changed the name of the road in front of his business from Business And Technology Way, the name used on the EDIC subdivision plan for years, to Front Street, the name in use on the Town accepted portion of the street which enters from State Street (Rt. 202) and had ended at Bridge Street.

Mr. Sbriscia presented written estimates for printing of new company stationary to provide the new street name. His business and one other might have to pay several thousand dollars to re-print their stationary. Mr. Spiegel stated that the estimates seemed very high for stationary. Mr. Sbriscia stated that the estimates were the exact amounts for their recent move to this location. Mr. Stephens stated the EDIC didn't currently have funds to cover this. Mr. Kump stated that he did not recall the EDIC making any commitment to pay for new stationary.

Members pointed out that there was no immediate development happening on that road so there was no immediate need to have the new name publicized. It was also pointed out that the balance of the street continuing from the intersection with Bridge Street was not yet a Town way and was still a part of the EDIC unfinished subdivision. The EDIC members agreed that they would work with Town Planner, Building Inspector and DPW Director to ensure that the process of changing the name of the street was coordinated with the businesses there and that the EDIC had no need for this to move forward rapidly until additional development started along the street. Under these circumstances it was pointed out that the businesses could reprint their stationary as their current stock ran out.

Steve Williams arrived from another meeting at 7:45. The discussion about the name change for Front street was reopened and he indicated agreement with earlier points about the lack of a need for a speedy change. He committed to working with the Town Planner, the Building Inspector and the businesses so that this transition worked out as smoothly as possible.

Agenda Item #3 Payables - There were no payables

Agenda Item #4 Development

Since Claire O'Neill was not in attendance Mr. Stephens reported on development news. He discussed a recent meeting in town which included MassDevelopment, Town officials and EDIC members, to meet with project engineers Alan Delaney and Teigh & Bond in advance of the start of work on the next phase of remediation and demolition which would be focused on the old School building. The contract has been awarded by MassDev to S & R Corp. of Lowell MA. The low bid company has worked with MassDev and T&B before. He stated that S&R had requested a slight delay in starting their project because of the extreme cold temperatures. This had been agreed to, though by the time of this EDIC meeting temps had started to moderate. MassDev will supervise.

(Mr. Terry arrived at 7:30 to participate in this discussion)

Mr. Stephens reported that as a part of this phase a new gate would be installed near the Administration building which could be moved along the roadway to new locations as other sections of the property came under demolition. During this phase as much as 300 feet of tunnels in the site will be remediated and closed. A fence will be installed for the demolition period. He also reported that agreement was reached on the removal and storage of the granite steps for future use.

Agenda Item #4 Security

Kirk Stephens discussed remediation of an important situation in the Power Plant. Jim Kuc submitted to Mr. Stephens a firm quote for \$3,300 to remediate and remove the gauges and other materials immediately. The building was unfortunately difficult to secure once and for all, many breaches were evident over the years and was accessible to vandals. Bill Terry indicated that he had alerted Claire O'Neill of Mass Development in writing of this problem seeking guidance concerning this potential liability and payment authorization. He had not received direct authorization for this expenditure yet since Claire O'Neill was on vacation. Members felt that because of the nature of this situation it was important to move the solution forward immediately. Mr. Spiegel opined that he felt MassDev would support this decision.

Bill Terry motioned to authorize the remediation immediately. Mr. Spiegel seconded:
VOTE 5-0-0

Agenda Item #5 Adjournment

Mr. Terry moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Jonathan Spiegel seconded
Voted 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Jonathan Spiegel, Acting Clerk

