

## Belchertown EDIC

Meeting Date: August 15, 2018

### Members

Bill Terry – Present  
Jonathan Spiegel – Present  
Beth Maroney – Present  
Rich Kump – Not Present  
Kirk Stephens – Present  
Bob Rivard – Not Present

### Guests

Judy Gillan  
Jen Turner of the Belchertown Cultural Council  
April Jasak-Banks of the Belchertown Cultural Council

Meeting Open 7:05pm

### Payables

Kirk reported there are two payables one for Brush Hogging by Family Ties Landscaping in the amount of \$2,500 and one payable to Richard Kuc in the amount of \$760 for clean-up of downed limbs and securing buildings.

Kirk Stephens motioned to pay \$2,500 to Family Ties Landscaping second by Bill Terry all in favor 4-0-0.

Kirk Stephens motioned to pay \$760 to Richard Kuc, second by Bill Terry all in favor 4-0-0.

### Additions to Agenda

Discussion with NEFSI about trail plan  
Cultural Council  
Removal of pledge to fund Lake Wallace Trails

NEFSI Trail Plan-Judy reported that they have received provisional approval for funding. The proposed trail will go through EDIC land. EDIC is still in favor of the trail plan, which will go through undevelopable land previously set aside for a "greenway" and trails and will not impact the Master Plan.

MassDevelopment has been asked to reserve some parking space near the Jackson St entrance of the trail. At this time there is not plan in place to connect Jackson St entrance to the trail besides the right of way for the town sewer line which will be brush hogged from time to time.

The Historic commission will be bringing to EDIC a renewed statement of history that will be seen in the proposed gazebo for review, they are also going to present some ideas for the common area.

Jen and April are in attendance tonight to observe and to find out more about the EDIC's mission. They feel there is very little venue space to promote the Arts and are hoping to see that in future State School development. They have met with Claire O'Neill of MassDevelopment to discuss the Master Plan.



Lake Wallace Trail Pledge- Due to the current market conditions EDIC will not be harvesting Parcel D and will be unable to honor the pledge of \$9,000 to support trail development. The first estimate was approximately \$30,000 for harvesting however due to changes in the market the highest bid was \$4,400. Jonathan will draft a letter to MassDevelopment explaining that we are unable to donate the funds which will impact the MassDevelopment match of funds. He will ask if there can be any consideration from MassDevelopment due to the unforeseen market changes.

#### MEMBERS TIME

Jonathan reported that the Town posted an RFP for development of the Cruciform building, the former school building. He questioned why the Town did not inform the EDIC about the RFP, the response was that they are looking to get the building back on the tax role.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Terry at 8:00 pm, second by Kirk Stephens all in favor 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Terry".

Beth Maroney