

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 25, 2000

Present: Chairman Kirsten D. Roopenian and Lawrence W. O'Brien, Selectmen.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the special meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Economic Development

Present: Jody Kablack, Town Planner.

The Selectmen and Town Manager met with the Town Planner to discuss plans for the economic development program, as follows:

1. An offer of \$25,000 from Theodore Pasquarello, Chiswick Trading Company, to be used for economic development staffing, etc., had been conveyed to the Town. Discussion ensued concerning accepting this as a gift. The Town Manager suggested asking the Chamber of Commerce to become involved in channeling this donation and conduct a fund-raising campaign to provide a two-year funding commitment for this purpose.
2. Options for creating a position to coordinate the economic development program, dealing with job description and supervision:
 - a. Under the Town Manager
 - b. Under the Chamber of Commerce
 - c. Within the Planning Board Office
 - d. Contracted services, perhaps a retiree
 - e. Hire a consultant

It was agreed: (1) The Economic Development Committee would create a fund-raising campaign program and (2) the MAPC would be consulted to see if they could help deal with the issue of accepting and using Mr. Pasquarello's donation.

It was further agreed that job responsibilities for the Economic Development Coordinator would be to act as point person for local businesses, attract and retain business, and assist businesses in obtaining permits.

The Town Manager expressed her vision of a two-year commitment for a Town employee to assist with this project, a Chamber of Commerce fund raiser with Theodore Pasquarello being the first donor through the Chamber, and that the Sudbury Foundation would be asked to help.

The next steps to be taken are: (1) Economic Development Committee meeting; (2) present concept to Chamber of Commerce, and (3) work out details of job description, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Maureen G. Valente
Town Manager-Clerk