



Town of Hudson

Economic Development Commission

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A meeting of the Hudson Economic Development Commission was held on February 24, 2021 at 6:30 PM via the Zoom remote platform.

Members present: Bill Sullivan, Tom Davis, Sarah Cressy, Sara Foster, Chuck Randall, and Tom Ricci.

Staff present: Kristina Johnson, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Johnson noted that the scheduled guest speaker was not able to attend the meeting.

Ms. Johnson provided an update on Town Hudson projects

15 Broad Street

Ms. Johnson stated that the building was demolished back in October of 2020, and that the environmental due diligence work is still underway. She noted that the Town does not own the property and will not consider taking ownership for a public parking lot until there is a full understanding of the extent of the environmental issues on the site. Ms. Johnson stated that it is the intent of the Town to use the remaining funds left over from the MassDevelopment Site Readiness grant to complete supplemental environmental testing on the site.

62 Packard Street

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the redevelopment of Packard Street. She explained that the Planning Department, in cooperation with the Affordable Housing Trust, is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals to designate affordable housing developer for the site. Furthermore, she noted that there is an Article on the May Town Meeting warrant to have 62 Packard Street transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Armory

Ms. Johnson noted that the legislation to commence the Armory acquisition process has not been filed. She explained that once the legislation is filed and signed by the Governor the Town will have 90 days to take title, and explained that the environmental due diligence will need to be completed prior to taking title. Mr. Randall, Treasurer of the Hudson Cultural Alliance (HCA) provided an update on fundraising activities and recent State grants that the HCA is putting together

Riverwalk Project

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the status of the Riverwalk project and noted that the Department is applying for a MassDOT Shared Streets Program grant to implement Phase 1 of the project.

Comprehensive Zoning Update

Ms. Johnson stated that the comprehensive zoning update was slated for Town Meeting in Spring 2020 and was pulled from the warrant. She noted that it was her intent on bringing forward the Comprehensive update for Fall Town Meeting.

Upcoming Grant Applications

Ms. Johnson stated that in addition to the MassDOT Shared Streets Grant, the Department will also be applying for a Mass. Office of Travel Tourism grant to purchase and install the Downtown wayfinding signage.

Potential Future Guest Speakers

Members brainstormed ideas for future guest speakers and topics. Ms. Johnson stated that members should always feel free to contact her with any ideas for topics or guest speakers.

Minutes – Chairman Sullivan seconded by Mr. Randall moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2020. 6-0-0. Unanimous

Adjournment: Chairman Sullivan seconded by Starah Cressy motioned to adjourn at 8:15PM. 6-0-0. Unanimous.