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Meeting Called to order at 7:48 by Chairperson Brenda McDermott

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Maryann Merlino (Committeewoman, Mayor) –Present

Robert Koons (Committeeman) – Present

Brenda McDermott (Chairperson) – Present

Richard Jacoby (Vice-Chairperson) – Absent

John Howarth (Acting Secretary) – Present

Mike Ward (EDC Member) – Present

Al Oriente (EDC Member) – Present

Rhonda Midili (EDC Member) – Absent

Also in attendance:

Andy Wade (Resident)

Old Business:

Discussions on meeting with the Pinelands commission. It was decided to temporarily postpone this meeting until further information on plans for use can be in place as we want to have a workable proposal to submit. It was also mentioned that the Township Committee must be involved at this stage. The EDC will put together plans and ideas for the Committee to review. Possibly have the EDC meet with the Pinelands to assess the Redevelopment area uses and needs in order to get approval from the Pinelands Commission.

Land available at the Train Station, Haines Blvd site is 150 acres. We discussed possible mixed usage for this area to be developed. Discussions of different phases for the areas of development and possible commercial and residential ideas were discussed.

New Business:

The Town has some vacant land that is potentially available for future development. We discussed the fact that certain environmental problems on these sites that have been left unattended. How can we clean these areas and make them more appealing. Some sites have other issues that need to be addressed as to what could be done with them. Discussed how to make the Route 30 corridor more eye appealing to prospective businesses.

The Committee would like to meet with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Task Force to talk about possible transit Village development at the Site near the train station.

Possibility of future warehouses in the area of the train. Need to discuss the usage of the train station and tracks in this location. Do we have the ability to have freight trains come in to the area? Discussed potential pitfalls for trucking due to distance from Route 295 and the New Jersey Turnpike.

Nomination of Officers:

Brenda Mcdermott as Chairperson EDC

Richard Jacoby as Vice Chairperson EDC

John Howarth as Acting Secretary EDC

Motion by Maryann Merlino, 2nd by Mike Ward, all in favor, motion Carried

Communication:

None

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Committee Comments and Questions:

Brenda asked if anyone would like to attend the Transit meeting for the transit Village. She will contact us.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by Brenda McDermott, 2nd by John Howarth. To adjourn, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, John Howarth, Secretary, Economic Development Committee