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**Meeting Called to order at 7:43 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) – Absent**

**Rhonda Midili (EDC Member) – Absent**

**Also in attendance:**

**Joe Marressa JR. (Resident)**

**Richard Passarella (Resident)**

**John Germyn (Resident)**

**Motion by Mike Ward and Maryann Merlino, to accept Minutes from March 10 2014.**

**New Business;**

**It was stated a task Force Meeting with New Jersey Transit would be Tuesday 4/15/14 at the Town Hall to discuss the possibility of a Transit Village For the redevelopment area. We need to have questions and comments ready for this meeting. Including the possible properties that may have problems such as environmental remediation to get into shape for possible developers and investors. Discussion on the possibility of a transit Village Designation for the area.**

**The designation of the Transit Village would have large scale mixed use development with emphasis on the proximity of the rail transportation and buses and highways to move people in and out of the area. Multiple development for residential and commercial with possible hotels and restaurant's to be in the area.**

**The key to the transit Village is the multiple transportation venues available at the location. Discussion on the possibility of funding for the water and sewer systems in conjunction with development of the area.**

**We developed a list of questions for the New Jersey Transit Authority at the Meeting for the Transit Village.**

**Old Business:**

**Discussions on meeting with the Pinelands commission.**

**Discussion of possible development businesses such as Box stores, restaurants and Banks. What would these businesses be looking for?**

**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 how to clean them up. Possibility of using Township assets and putting liens on the properties. Also discussion to reach out to the Camden County Improvement Authority.**

**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 from Brenda McDermott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Howarth, to adjourn, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted, John Howarth, Acting Secretary, Economic Development Committee**