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Economic Development Authority

Town House – Select Board Meeting Room
7:30 A.M. Tuesday April 28, 2015

Minutes

Present: George Sterling Chair, Peter Robinson, Vice Chair, Hope Taylor, James Kelly, Chubb Whitten, Jeff Crocker.

Chair Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and introduced the only topic on the agenda, does the EDA want to take a formal position on the Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to Agricultural Business Enterprise Uses. “You’ve all received the materials, what do you think?” he asked.

Mr. Whitten opened by saying that he supports the amendment. “The only think I caution is creating a zoning by-law that becomes a 300 page tome” he said. Ms. Taylor and Mr. Kelly agreed. Mr. Crocker indicated his support for the ordinance and also agrees with the comments made. “Can anyone do this without hiring an attorney? Will the Board be able to understand it?” he asked.

MS. Taylor asked if this was an amendment to an existing ordinance. Mr. Throop responded that it is and briefly described the original ordinance that was passed by petition at Town Meeting last year. He also described the sub-committee process and the input from farmers and from the rural residents that contributed to development the amendment. He indicated that “This was a difficult ordinance to write because both the characteristics of the setting and the scale and designs of the proposed uses can be variable” adding “not all places are appropriate.” He continued “the Planning Board worked hard to find a reasonable balance that would allow appropriate commercial uses on farms in the rural district, while also providing reasonable protection for the neighbors.”

A motion was made for the EDA to endorse the proposed amendment (Taylor/Whitten) with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.