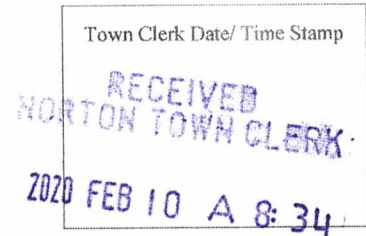




MINUTES

TOWN OF NORTON



Board / Committee: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Location: 70 East Main Street, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Norton, MA

Members & Staff Present: M. Toole, R. Deley (chair), D. Luciano (vchair), M. Maccini, L. Parker

Members Not Present: M. Flaherty; A. Kolodziejczyk

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm and adjourned at 9:32pm.

Minutes from the May 22, Aug 28, Oct 2, 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved as written.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

There was some discussion around timing of implementation of name change from Industrial Development Committee to Economic Development Committee. It will need to be voted on via ballot at the April election.

NEW BUSINESS

Edward Dow, CEO, Andre Arzumanyan, Director of Business Development, and Michael Allen, Chief of Security for Solar Therapeutics came to speak to us about a business interest to establish a marijuana retail shop in Norton. Solar Therapeutics currently operates a grow and retail facility in Somerset, MA, soon to expand with manufacturing. They also run a retail shop in Seekonk, MA. If Solar Therapeutics were to come to Norton, they would only be interested in a retail establishment. Preference is to be near highway long term. They are able to be flexible on leasing vs owning facility. The business is privately funded. They spoke about some of the MA law restrictions of the industry, and answered questions regarding security and advertising. Solar Therapeutics facility in Somerset has self-sustaining energy, decreases costs, beneficial for the carbon footprint and gives them flexibility to offer a lower price point to the consumer. There was some discussion about properties around town that they had already looked at and their

requirements – 3500 sq ft ideal, 100 parking spots likely. They would probably employ 30-50 people. They currently operate 9am to 11pm in Somerset, 7 days a week.

(1) R. Deley entertained a motion for to approve meeting minutes from May 22, 2019.

Motion: D Luciano

Second: L Parker

All were in favor of approving the meeting minutes from May 22, 2019.

(2) R. Deley entertained a motion for to approve meeting minutes from August 28, 2019.

Motion: D Luciano

Second: L Parker

All were in favor of approving the meeting minutes from August 28, 2019.

(3) R. Deley entertained a motion for to approve meeting minutes from October 2, 2019.

Motion: D Luciano

Second: M Toole

All were in favor of approving the meeting minutes from October 2, 2019.

Next meeting scheduled December 18, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: M. Toole

Second: L Parker

All were in favor of adjourning.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Denise Luciano

Minutes approved by the Board or Commission on: 1/29/20

Chairman Signature: 