

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP OF DECEMBER 11, 2017
AT THE JESSE SMITH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., Jeffrey Partington, Chairman, presiding.

Members Present: Jeffrey Partington, Dov Pick and Christopher Desjardins.

Members Absent: Robert Woods, Marc Tremblay, Jeffrey Presbrey, Bruce Ferreira and Michael Lupis and Leo Felice.

Others Present: Nate Kelly, & Jeff Davis, of Horsley Witten Group, Michael Wood, Town Manager, Jim Langlois, Chair of BRA and Ray Goff, Planning Director.

Members of the Public: none.

II. ATTENDANCE REVIEW:

Mr. Partington acknowledged that Robert Woods, Marc Tremblay, Jeffrey Presbrey, Bruce Ferreira and Michael Lupis and Leo Felice were all excused.

IV. GROUP TOPIC DISCUSSIONS: Mr. Davis, discussed the changes that were made to the Chapter VIII Economic Development Plan element from the last workshop including the Goals, Policies and Implementations Actions that were proposed.

Among the topics that were discussed, were revising the Economic Development element to include consideration for any rezone of industrial zoned contaminated properties that these properties should be appraised so that their reuse value is considered in any reuse plan. Also discussed was adding a listing of priority redevelopment properties that has been developed by the BRA. That the roles of the BRA were discussed as being are different than that of an Economic Development Commission due to legislation which formed the BRA. Representation on the EDC from the BRA as well as other town boards and committees would be appropriate in forming an EDC. Transportation routes to and from Burrillville were discussed with an eye toward bringing in commerce. Route 102 should be preserved as a main conduit and development should not have curb cuts, rather use side streets to access commercial properties.


Mr. Davis explained that he would combine the additional changes discussed this evening in with the previous suggestions and incorporate everything into the plan. The members will be provided with a draft to review before finalizing the update.

III. MOVED TO OPEN HOUSE FORUM:

The Board then went into the Open Forum where the members reviewed the poster boards that contained the Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions dealing with Circulation, marking each statement as to whether they agreed with the statement, questioned the statement or whether the statement should be deleted as it may have already been addressed.

The Workshop adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Recorded by: _____


Raymond Goff, Town Planner