

## Business Park Development Committee

### Northfield MA

#### Meeting # 7 Minutes

1. The meeting was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday June 12th 2019 at 5 pm as advertised.

Present : Jack Spanbauer; Steve Seredynski ; John MacDougall ; Chair Barry Bordner

2. Minutes of our Meeting # 6 were read , proposed ( JM) seconded (SS) and approved by majority for filing as circulated ( J.S. abstained as not present for that discussion). No public attended, nor was comment received.

3. Feed back to the Select Board is as yet to be scheduled. It was the sense of the committee that our next steps should include preliminary potential site identification—see point 5 below. As this unfolds and prospective willing partners in Northfield are identified, a more detailed outline of authorized approaches by the Committee on behalf of the Town should be scheduled for discussion with the Select Board. To be continued...

4. Chair Bordner summarized an informal visit by Committee members Bordner, Seredynski and MacDougall on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> to the Office of Northeast Paving at 8 AM. Plant Engineer Lindsey E Draleau welcomed the initiative, gave us an understanding of the new ownership structure , affirmed a willingness to maintain strong community relations of their corporate office with the town, and discussed an outline of the future mining plans. In addition to the proposed solar array, she identified two prospective parcels of their property which may fit our need.

Some 30 acres have already been worked, a second smaller 12 acre parcel adjacent to Caldwell Road on Rte 142 contains gravel deposits which may fit future mining plans, but would have the advantage of simpler transportation accessibility. She also provided an excellent aerial photo, diagramming their current workings and stockpiles. As an opening discussion of a longer term plan it is much appreciated.

5. From consideration of the above report, the acknowledgement that identifying potential Business Park locations in the tax area of Northfield will have to eventually involve a willing property owner prompted discussion of how to handle very low-key informal contacts. Before, or as these contacts are attempted we agreed that by a tour of potential sites as a group , our Committee should aim to improve our common perceptions of the features of each location as available from public roads, topographical maps , tax rolls and Google Earth!.

5. This consideration lead to the date of our next Committee meeting being suggested as a tour , starting at 10 AM on Wednesday June 19th, 2019 from the Town Hall. Chairman Barry Bordner's action to post this as a formal Committee Meeting # 8 is suggested to encourage attendance of all our members. He offers to provide transport possibly for five!

Minutes Proposed : J.S.

Seconded : SS.

Date : 6/19/2019