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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FRIDAY MAY 09, 2014

**TOWN HALL- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
3 NORTH MAIN ST., ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS**

9:15 A.M. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lisa Pacheco. Those present: Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner, Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Richard Brown. Senator Rodrigues, Rep. Schmid, Rep. Fiola, Ken Fiola, Planning Tech Lauren Moreau, Building Inspector Mary McNeil and SRPEDD Rep. Cindy.

Mr. Fiola states he submitted a draft to Mr. Brown and he would like to look at the Town's comments and then they will comment on it. Selectman Pacheco says of course we would like to get business in here however we can't in some areas give up our rights up like Conservation Commission areas. We are working on a 43D for the Special Town Meeting. We have some high restrictions etc for an overlay district so we won't hinder anything. Ken Fiola says it would be easier if we have a building entirely constructed on the Freetown side. His concern is if they have the building straddle the town lines then it will get dicey. Mr. Brown said that it would be. He believes that the towns it's in and the building codes would control the area. Selectman Sadeck asks what the time frame is for this. Mr. Fiola said this would be for next year some time. We have some time however the quicker the better. Selectman Pacheco said we can call a Special Town Meeting if we need to. Ken Fiola said that the fall may work for them. Selectman Pacheco said having Ken Fiola take the lead that is okay. She says you can call it what you like a business incentive plan not a TIF but this needs to go to a Town Meeting. Ken Fiola said he would do this in conjunction with the Town. Selectman Pacheco says sewer and water is a great start however we need to get a better agreement with the City along the way and at some point we need to get a better agreement with that, we are now renegotiating. Selectman Sadeck said New Bedford charges us the same rate and Fall River charges us 70% over. Ken Fiola said we can see but you would have to speak with the City that is an enterprise fund. I will look at your comments. Selectman Sadeck brings up Police Department and Fire Department coverage. Fire Department had no issues however Police Department has issues. You said FRPD would respond to this but that isn't agreed here. Senator Rodrigues said this is a legal issue like UMASS Dartmouth is trying to enter into the neighboring communities, like if Fall River makes an arrest in Freetown. Mr. Brown said we would have to give Fall River limited powers. Mutual aid, Fiola said that doesn't matter to me you can police the Freetown side if that is an issue Mr. Brown said per the terms of the IMA law will be per the agreement. Ken Fiola said whatever you want to do just forward the info to me. Carol Fiola asks Ken by the Fall you want to see this ironed out. Mr. Fiola said yes. Selectman Pacheco would like to see this agreement be

completed within a month-1/1/2. 43D and overlay can be done at anytime. Ken Fiola said you can work with Liz Dennehy if you need to. Ken Fiola asks if they are talking to anyone about Riverfront Park are they moving forward with anything. Mr. Brown said no they aren't moving forward with anything. Ken Fiola said once they move forward with the Biopark they will be out of land so the next step would be to move to the Riverfront Park so maybe someone needs to sit down with Churchill and Banks and/or Stop and Shop. I have been trying to contact them but I don't know if you can facilitate this better, this is a 10 year plan. Selectman Sadeck says how do we do that on private property. Ken Fiola says you are losing money on empty land. Carol Fiola says how about we invite them to a meeting. Senator Rodrigues says I think that should be a separate discussion, this idea is correct until it is shovel ready it isn't attractive to them., 43D would help move that along. This would turn about all the permits within 180 days. Selectman Baumgartner says we met with Stop & Shop and they are expanding. Selectman Pacheco says we should sit down with Churchill & Banks. Mr. Brown says Churchill & Banks is selling the property now getting it ready to market it. Ken Fiola says he thinks they aren't going to spend money on it until they have a bona fide client however they aren't going to get a client until they have it shovel ready. He believes there is some relationship with Churchill & Banks and Stop & Shop. Mr. Brown says we need someone who can speak to Churchill & Banks about this because it didn't get us anywhere. Rep Schmid said in the transportation bill \$200,000 for Chace and Chipaway, this is a bond bill and the environmental bill \$750,000 for Assawompset pond. Carol Fiola toured Rattlesnake Brook and it was so beautiful and there is a lot of erosion. Green Future is very passionate to help us in getting the money from DCR. Selectman Pacheco said that Rattlesnake will be the overflow area for that. Ken Fiola said every company will have to do their own Stormwater management, you would have to treat it was your process. Selectman Pacheco says to Ken Fiola to please keep us in the loop especially with the casino.

Adjournment of regular meeting Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to adjourn meeting at 9:56AM.

Respectfully submitted,



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