Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC)
Remote Hybrid Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Minutes July 10, 2025

Members: Duncan Chapman, Melissa Fetterhoff, Christopher Lilly, William Marshall, Jim Pinard, Marty Poutry, Paul Routhier, Debra Rivera, Carl Sciple, Deborah Seeley
Members Absent: Robert Garnder
Staff: Neil Angus, Dawn Babcock
Staff Absent: Beth Suedmeyer
Guests: Meg Delorier (EVP MassDevelopment)

(7:37 AM) Chairman William Marshall called the meeting to order

Mr. Marshall read that the Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC) Meeting is being held virtually pursuant to the March 28,2025, Act signed by the Governor extending the ability of state and local public meetings to be held in a hybrid or remote format through June 30, 2027. Interested individuals can listen in and participate by phone and/or on-line by following the link and phone # above. Persons with disabilities or requiring interpretation wishing to listen or participate should contact 978.772.8831 x3334. In accordance with the State's Open Meeting Law, we wish to inform all attendees that this meeting will be recorded by the Devens Enterprise Commission.

(7:30 AM) Chairman Marshall did the roll call for the meeting

(7:40 AM) Chairman Marshall noted, we will need to nominate Ms. Rivera as a voting Regional Representative for this meeting. **The motion was made by Mr. Pinard and seconded by Mr. Lilly. The nomination was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.**

(7:41 AM) Mr. Marshall reviewed the agenda of this morning's meeting.

(7:42 AM) Review Minutes:

- **June 24th Draft Minutes** were discussed. Mr. Marshall asked if there were any comments about the minutes. None were mentioned so Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as noted. **The motion was made by Ms. Seeley and seconded by Mr. Lilly. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote. Ms. Rivera, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Pinard abstained from the vote as they didn't attend the June 24th meeting.**
- **June 5th Draft Minutes:** Mr. Marshall asked if there were any comments about the minutes. None were mentioned so Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as noted. **The motion was made by Mr. Lilly and seconded by Mr. Routhier. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote. Ms. Rivera and Mr. Sciple abstained from the vote as they didn't attend the June 5th meeting.**

Public Hearing:

- **None**

New Business:

- **(7:45 AM) Devens Jurisdictional Framework Committee Matrix – Community Identity, Utilities, and Regional Services:** Mr. Angus noted with DJFC being on vacation for the summer he is working on the 2nd topic that will be discussed when they resume meeting. This topic is Utilities and Mr. Angus noted Devens provides not only utility services to Devens, but also to portions of Ayer, Harvard, and Shirley. MassDevelopment owns and runs water systems and waste water treatment. For the electrical support there are five substations, Mass Development is working to upgrade one substation with National Grid. The majority of the utilities are underground and 30% of Devens energy currently comes from renewable energy sources. National Grid maintains the gas systems. Mr. Marshall noted that in the Army Days there was only one gas meter that supplied all of Devens so increasing the systems adds a bit of complexity.

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- **(7:54 AM) Read File:** Mr. Angus noted that there was an article in the Harvard Press regarding the Devens Jurisdictional Framework Committee receiving a grant from the state but the Committee declined the funds as it could not be used for the financial study that the Committee wanted to undertake, so the money will be used for housing planning studies for Devens. The next article in the Read File was the great press the DEC received for the 30th Anniversary Celebration. Followed by Shriver Job Corp. – Representative Trahan and former students spoke in front of the facility and that the courts have issued a stay on the closure of the facility. Mr. Angus noted that a good number of the students who left when the facility closed at the end of June have returned and they are hoping for more will return soon. The next article in the read file was the expansion of Veranova in Devens. The last two articles are regarding Commonwealth Fusion Systems 1st the partnership with Google even before they are up and running, and the 2nd article notes that CSF is looking to start their next project – CFS-4. They will need to get an air quality permit from the DEP before they can proceed with this project.

- **(8:03 AM) Social Media Minute:** Mr. Angus shared the articles that have been posted on Facebook, LinkedIn, and the Blogs that have been posted. Mr. Angus asked that the commissioners continue to like and share the articles for more visibility.

Old Business:

- **(8:07 AM) Update on Demolition Permits and Deconstruction Guidelines:** Mr. Angus noted that the guidelines were developed last year and even though there haven't actually been demo permits submitted since, we have had a number of communities and municipalities reach out and we have received great press on the work we have done. Mr. Angus noted the Embodied Carbon Reduction Guidelines, when reviewed by others, have also received great feedback noting that they never thought of some of the items we have noted.

(8:12 AM) Public Comment:

- Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions/comments from the Public, none were asked.

(8:13 AM) Mr. Marshall noted the next scheduled meetings are July 29th at 6:45 PM, (Hybrid Meeting), and August 7th at 7:30 AM, (Zoom Meeting)

Mr. Pinard had a question regarding Parker Charter School, as he has seen some activity on that property so he was wondering if they are expanding? Mr. Angus noted that they are not expanding just working to improve their entrance. Mr. Pinard also asked about the military demolition of the building? Mr. Angus noted that the Military is not under our jurisdiction but that he would share the Deconstruction Guidelines with them.

(8:14 AM) Mr. Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Pinard and seconded by Mr. Poutry. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

List of Exhibits

- Agenda
- June 5th Draft Minutes
- June 24th Draft Minutes
- DJFC Matrix – Utilities
- Read File

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