Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC)
In-Person/Remote Hybrid Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Minutes June 24, 2025

Members (in person): Christopher Lilly, William Marshall, Marty Poutry, Paul Routhier, Deborah Seeley, Carl Sciple
Members (remote): Melissa Fetterhoff
Members Absent: Duncan Chapman, Robert Gardner, Jim Pinard, Debra Rivera
Staff (in person): Neil Angus, Beth Suedmeyer, Dawn Babcock
Guests (remote): Meg Delorier (EVP MassDevelopment), Lt. James Frohock (Mass State Police), Jaye Stanfield (Clear Path), Kristi Iannacone (Clear Path), Donna Bulger (Clear Path), Susan Gabriel (Devens Resident),

(6:45 PM) Chairman William Marshall called the meeting to order

Mr. Marshall read that the Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC) Regular Meeting and Public Hearing is being held remotely in accordance with the supplemental budget bill signed into law by Governor Healey, further suspending certain open meeting law requirements to March 31, 2025. Interested individuals may attend and listen in and participate by phone and/or on-line by following the link and/or phone # at the top of the agenda. 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, the Chair informed all attendees that this meeting is being recorded by the Devens Enterprise Commission. Persons with disabilities or requiring interpretation wishing to listen or participate should contact 978.772.8831 x3334.

(6:55 PM) Mr. Marshall reviewed the agenda of this evening's meeting.

(6:57 PM) Review Minutes:

- **June 5th Draft Minutes** Ms. Babcock noted that the minutes weren't ready for review so Mr. Marshall noted that we will review them at the July 10th meeting.

Public Hearing:

- **(6:54 PM) <u>Event Permit and One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License</u> request by Clear Path for Veterans New England for the <u>Devens Dog & Music Festival</u>** to take place on Museum Field at 27 Antietam Street (Parcel ID ##031.0-0099-0900.0) on Saturday August 16, 2025, from 11 AM – 3 PM, with a rain date of Sunday August 17, 2025. Mr. Angus introduced Ms. Bulger from Clear Path for Veterans New England to give an overview of the event. Ms. Bulger noted that she has stepped down as the Chair of Clear Path but is still a board member. Ms. Bulger reviewed the plans for the event and noted that they have been working with the police and safety officials to ensure the event is a success. There will be a barricades around the 21 and over area, as for the K-9s that will be attending the event, they will be checking vaccine records and ensure that they are licensed. Ms. Bulger noted that they will have the Animal Control Officer on site for the event as well. Ms. Suedmeyer then went over the staff report and noted the conditions for this event are the standard conditions only adding the condition to have an animal control officer on duty. Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions from the commissioners and public, none were asked. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to close the hearing. **The motion to close the hearing was made by Ms. Seeley and seconded by Mr. Routhier. The motion to close the hearing was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.** Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to approve the 1-day Liquor application with the 10 conditions noted in the staff report. **The motion was made by Mr. Lilly and seconded by Mr. Poutry. The motion to approve the 1-day Liquor application with the 10 conditions noted was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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- **(7:08 PM) <u>Event Permit and One-Day Wine and Malt Beverage License</u>** request from Clear Path for Veterans New England for the **<u>Journey Home 5K/10K run event</u>** being held on Sunday November 9, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at **<u>84 Antietam Street Devens, MA (Parcel ID#031.0-0002-0400.0)</u>.** Mr. Angus handed the meeting over to Ms. Bulger again as the Clear Path for Veterans of New England representative. Ms. Bulger noted that this is the 5th year having this road race and working with True North Running Organization for the event. The race is scheduled to start at 10:00 AM and the route will be a 5-mile loop with the second looping for the 10-mile run. There will be a DJ at the event who will announce the runners as they cross the finish line. The wine and malt service will be within the fenced in area and the regulations will be followed. Mr. Marshall asked the Commissioners and then the public for any questions but none were asked. Ms. Bulger noted that she is expecting over 300 participants. Ms. Suedmeyer went over the staff report noting that there are only the 9 standard conditions listed for this event. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to close the hearing. **The motion to close the hearing was made by Ms. Seeley and seconded by Mr. Poutry. The Motion to close the hearing was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.** Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to approve this wine and malt 1-day special license application with the 9 conditions listed in the staff report. **The motion to approve this application was made by Mr. Lilly and seconded by Ms. Seeley. The motion to approve this application was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.**

New Business:

- **(7:15 PM) Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee – Community Identity, Utilities, Regional Services:** Mr. Angus noted that the committee will be taking the summer off and will resume meeting in September. When they resume, they will cover these three topics so Mr. Angus is going to be working on each topic between now and then. Mr. Angus reviewed the Community Identity draft. Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions and none were asked.

- **(7:17 PM) Executive Committee Report on Director Performance Review:** Mr. Marshall noted during the Executive Session last week they discussed Mr. Angus' performance over the past year. Due to the hard work Mr. Angus has done they would like to recommend a 6.25% increase as well as a $10K bonus. Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions or comments, none were asked. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to approve the proposed increase and bonus for Mr. Angus. **The motion was made by Mr. Routhier and seconded by Mr. Lilly. The motion to approve the increase and bonus was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.**

- **(7:20 PM) 30th Anniversary of Devens Enterprise Commission:** Mr. Marshall noted that this morning was a success with around 100 in attendance. Mr. Marshall noted that the DEC received a citation from Senator Eldredge's representative. Mr. Angus wanted to express a huge thank you to Meg and her team for all their help, especially the Devens DPW for the work done planting the bushes on Monday in the extreme heat as well as all their efforts today.

Old Business:

- **(7:26 PM) State Audit – Final Report:** Mr. Angus noted that the state completed the audit started in 2024 and overall, it was a good report. There were two items with minor findings: 1) there should be a formal contract with the Nashoba Board of Health; 2) formal tracking of the inspections the Nashoba Board of Health does. Mr. Marshall noted that he attended the exit interview with the auditors with Mr. Angus and was impressed with the results.

- **(7:30 PM) Read File:** Mr. Angus noted that there are a few articles 1) Shriver Job Corp with Congress Women Trahan spoke at the facility; 2) Veranova Ribbon Cutting; 3) Werfen Ribbon Cutting

(7:31 PM) Public Comment:

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- Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions/comments from the Public, Ms. Susan Gabriel (Devens Resident) wanted to let the commission know how impressed she was with the 30th Anniversary Celebration and thanked the Commission and staff for their dedication to Devens.

(7:34 PM) Mr. Marshall shared the piece of his speech that he cut from this morning's event with the attendees tonight, covering some of the original correspondence from the Army and the State before the base closure was event announced (attempts to save Fort Devens).

(7:34 PM) Mr. Marshall noted the next scheduled meetings are July 10th at 7:30 AM (virtually), and July 29th at 6:45 PM (Hybrid). Mr. Angus noted that Veranova recognized Devens Enterprise Commission during their ribbon cutting and Commissioner Sciple accepted a small ceremonial paper weight commemorating the occasion, on the DEC's behalf.

(7:39 PM) Mr. Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Lilly and seconded by Ms. Seeley. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

List of Exhibits

- Agenda
- Public Hearing – Dog & Music Festival
  - Application
  - Event Map
  - Joint Public Notice
  - Staff Report
- Public Hearing – Journey Home 5K/10K Run
  - Application
  - Route
  - Schedule
  - Staff Report
- New Business
  - DJFC Matrix – Community Identity
- Old Business
  - State Audit
  - Read File

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