

**Devens Enterprise Commission
(DEC) Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Minutes February 3, 2022**

Members Present: Duncan Chapman, Dix Davis, James DeZutter, Melissa Fetterhoff, Robert Gardner, Christopher Lilly, William Marshall, Martin Poutry, Paul Routhier, Deborah Seeley, Debra Rivera

Staff: Peter Lowitt, Neil Angus, Dawn Babcock

Guests: John Marc-Aurele (MassDev), Joe Bisceglia (MassDev), Adam Picard (VHP), Rob Nagi (VHP), Jessica Strunkin (MassDev)

Members Absent: Jim Pinard

Chairman William Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

Mr. Marshall noted that this Devens Enterprise Commission Regular Meeting and Public Hearing is being held virtually in accordance with the Act (Senate Bill #2475) relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency. 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, Mr. Marshall informed all attendees that this meeting is being recorded by the Devens Enterprise Commission.

(7:35 AM) Prior to starting the meeting Mr. Marshall asked for a motion to add Deb Rivera as a voting member for today's meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Gardner and seconded by Mr. DeZutter, and the motion was **Approved unanimously by a roll call vote.**

(7:36 AM) Reviewed Agenda:

(7:37 AM) Prior Meeting Minutes: Mr. Marshall asked if there were any edits, omissions or questions regarding the minutes from the January 25th meeting. The Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mr. DeZutter seconded by Mr. Davis. **The minutes were approved by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Davis, Ms. Fetterhoff, Mr. Lilly, Mr. Routhier, and Mr. Poutry. Ms. Seeley, Ms. Rivera Mr. Gardner and Mr. DeZutter Abstained as they were not in attendance of the January 25th Meeting.**

(7:39 AM) Public Hearings:

None

(7:40 AM) New Business

- **(7:40 AM) 5 Year Traffic Study – John Marc-Aurele of Mass Development:** Mr. Marc-Aurele introduced Mr. Nagi of VHB (who conducted the study) and he presented the 5 year traffic study to the attendees. The traffic study and report can viewed on line at https://www.devensec.com/meetings/5_year_study_Devens_2022_02_03_FINAL.pdf. The Commission discussed the importance of the study and noted that traffic is half of what was anticipated in the FEIR which used square feet of development and conservative ITE methodologies to project traffic impacts for the Devens redevelopment. They noted that in 2006 MEPA had changed their approach and are now using actual impacts of development rather than these projections to measure the impacts of the redevelopment.
- **(8:34 AM) Nashua Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council Grant Program Application.** Mr. Angus updated the commissioners on the Grant application that was submitted earlier this week regarding the trail project on McPherson Road. This project is in conjunction with Ayer and Devens DPW. Mr. Angus noted the grants should be awarded late February early March, and that the group has agreed that no matter if the grant is given they will do their best to continue on this project. Ms. Rivera asked if this trail

will be a dead end or is there a plan to connect it with another trail. Mr. Angus noted right now it will end but they are looking to join it with other trails. Mr. Chapman noted that collaboration around trails may be a great collaboration with Harvard.

- **(8:41 AM) Virtual Read File – Community Updates** Mr. Angus noted that there are no new articles at this time. But suggests we keep checking the file.
- **(8:42 AM) Social Media Minutes - Review of Twitter, Facebook Posts** Mr. Lowitt noted he has posted a new blog <https://devensforward.com/blog/101-the-sdg-connection:-renewable-energy> and would appreciate it if the commissioners will like and share the posts.

Old Business

- **(8:47 AM) Conflict of Interest Training Reminder**

(8:48 AM) Public Comment - Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were no comments or questions at this time.

(8:51 AM) Motion to Adjourn Made by Mr. Poutry and Seconded by Mr. Chapman and was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

List of Exhibits:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes
 - January 25th
- 5 year Traffic Study
- Virtual Read File 2-3-22