

**Devens Enterprise Commission
DEC Public Hearing & Meeting
Minutes December 5, 2019**

Members: William Castro, Duncan Chapman, Dix Davis, Jim DeZutter, Melissa Fetterhoff, Christopher Lilly, Robert Markley

Staff: Peter Lowitt, Neil Angus, Kate Clisham

Absent: Robert Gardner, William Marshall, Marty Poutry, Paul Routhier

Vice Chair J. DeZutter called the meeting to order at 7:37 AM and read the agenda.

M/S/V J. Pinard, D. Davis to approve November 25, 2019 minutes as written; approved unanimously.

New Business:

7:39 AM Devens 2020 Liquor License and Common Victualler's License Renewals

P. Lowitt read through the December 4, 2019 2020 License Renewal Report. He indicated staff had inquired with Devens State Police and received notice there have been no violations by any of the license holders. Staff recommends granting the 2020 renewals. **M/S/V** C. Lilly, M. Fetterhoff to approve the 2020 Liquor License and Common Victualler's License renewals; approved unanimously.

7:42 AM MassDevelopment Devens – Buena Vista Street Traffic Study Update

P. Lowitt introduced Jessica Strunkin, MassDevelopment Senior Vice President Devens. J. Strunkin introduced Devens DPW Director David Blazon and Devens Engineering Director John Marc-Aurele. J. Marc-Aurele reported this follow up study occurred in September 2019 and the initial study was performed in September 2018. J. Marc-Aurele indicated the purpose of this 2019 study was to follow up on the efforts made to date. The data was collected over a weeklong period to determine the effects of the new wayfinding and traffic restriction signage that was installed after the initial traffic study. J. Marc-Aurele indicated the vehicle trips per day (VPD) on Buena Vista Street had decreased from the initial study from 2,000 in 2018 to 1,000 in 2019. He noted some of the vehicle volume has increased onto Antietam Street. J. Marc-Aurele reported they are satisfied the turning restrictions and signage has had the desired effect with a significant reduction in truck traffic overall. D. Davis asked if there were any comments from residents. J. Strunkin indicated yes, mixed reactions, several who are pleased and others who did not want the turning restrictions and do not care for it. She noted this was implemented in July and overall quite a few residents are pleased. J. Strunkin reported MassDevelopment worked with the local companies prior to installing the turn restrictions and signage to alert them of the intent. J. Pinard asked about the traffic back up from Parker Charter with pickup and drop off, he noted it takes some time to get through that intersection in the afternoon. J. Marc-Aurele noted there is back up with cars but there have been very few accidents over the years so it's not a public safety issues. R. Markley and W. Castro asked if a detail officer could be posted to help facilitate during drop off and pickup hours. J. Marc-Aurele noted there is no public safety issue currently. N. Angus reported MassDevelopment and DEC have been coordinating with State Police (Devens) on any truck violations. DEC staff follows up with the business and the trucking companies to notify them of the violation and to alert their employees of the truck route.

8:08 AM Old Business:

None

8:08 AM Public Comment:

None

J. DeZutter noted our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 6:45 PM.

8:09 AM **M/S/V** M. Fetterhoff, J. Pinard to adjourn, approved unanimously.

List of Exhibits –

- Agenda, Daft Minutes –11/25/19
- 2020 License Renewal Report 12/4/19
- Buena Vista Street Traffic Study Follow Up – Summary and Report 11/1/19