

**Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC)
Remote Regular Meeting
Minutes February 5, 2026**

Members: Duncan Chapman, Melissa Fetterhoff, William Marshall, Jim Pinard, Marty Poutry, Debra Rivera, Paul Routhier, Deborah Seeley

Members Absent: Robert Gardner, Christopher Lilly, Carl Sciple

Staff: Neil Angus, Beth Suedmeyer, Dawn Babcock

Guests: None

(7:30 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.

(7:34 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. Poutry and seconded by Mr. Pinard. The nomination was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

(7:35 AM) Chairman Marshall did the roll call for the meeting

(7:37 AM) Mr. Marshall reviewed the agenda of this evening's meeting.

Review Minutes:

- **(7:38 AM) January 6th & January 27th Draft Minutes:** Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions about the January 6th minutes but none were asked. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to approve the January 6th minutes as submitted. **The motion to approve the January 6th minutes was made by Ms. Seeley and seconded by Mr. Poutry. The motion to accept the minutes as submitted was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.** Mr. Marshall then asked if there were any edits, comments, or questions for the January 27th minutes. None were noted. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to approve the January 27th minutes. **The motion made was made by Mr. Routhier and seconded by Mr. Pinard. The motion to accept the minutes as submitted was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.**

Public Hearing

- None

New Business:

- **(7:40 AM) Read File:** Mr. Angus noted that there were a few articles in the read file for the commissioners to take a look at. The first was from the Boston Globe – MassDevelopment sells off parcel to build 12 factory-built homes in Devens. The second was from Boston & New England – VulcanForms receiving additional funding for a second facility in Devens. The third was from the Harvard Press – Tax Rates could drop if Harvard resumes Devens jurisdiction. Mr. Marshall asked what decrease will Harvard Residents see? Mr. Angus noted the he does have a copy of the slides that were shared during the meeting the town of Harvard had last Thursday Night and he would share them with the Commissioners. They estimated the tax rate per thousand would go from 15.8 to 12.2 but that this was based on a lot of assumptions. Mr. Angus also noted that there was a press release from

MassDevelopment on the Reframe housing project which he would also share with the commissioners after the meeting. Ms. Suedmeyer told the Commissioners of the MVP 2.0 Core Team Kick-Off meeting tonight.

Old Business:

- **(7:45 AM) Continued deliberations on Devens Recycling Center, LLC, request for Minor Modification of previously approved Site Assignment and Modification of Unified Permit to extend operating hours. Property located at 45 Independence Drive, Devens, MA, in the Rail, Industrial and Trade-Related Uses District:** Mr. Angus said that the draft of the Conditions for Devens Recycling LLC Minor Site Assignment Modifications and Unified Permit Amendment that he had sent to the commissioners has been drafted with the help of DEC Legal department and the Consultants. Mr. Angus also sent the draft to the applicant at the same time and he is hoping to get their response tomorrow as he was told last night they had received the draft and were in the process of reviewing it but needed a little more time. Mr. Angus reviewed the draft twenty-six Conditions and believes the applicant would only have minor concerns. Mr. Marshall asked if there are any questions from the Commissioners. None were asked. Mr. Marshall noted that there will be another virtual special meeting next Thursday to finalize the deliberation.
- **(8:01 AM) Final Draft 2025 DEC Annual Report:** Mr. Angus shared the edits he had made in the report since the January 27th meeting and commented that he will meet with Dona Neely from the Eco-Efficiency Center and update the year-to-date numbers for the Eco-Efficiency Center. Mr. Angus noted that if there are no concerns, he is looking for approval to distribute the 2025 Annual Report. Mr. Marshall then asked if there were any questions and none were asked. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to approve the Annual Report with the amendments noted. **The motion was made by Mr. Pinard and seconded by Mr. Poutry. The motion to approve the Annual Report was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.**

Public Comment:

- **(8:07 AM)** Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions from the Public and none were noted.

Mr. Angus noted that he has spoken with Commissioner Robert Gardner's Family and the with State Representatives about a citation they are preparing for Commissioner Gardner in respect of his commitment to his community, the town of Ayer, Court System of Massachusetts, MassDevelopment, and the Devens Enterprise Commission. Mr. Angus noted that they will be presenting the citation to Mr. Gardner Friday February 13th at 1:00 PM here in the Vicksburg Conference Room in our office.

(8:07 AM) Mr. Marshall noted the next scheduled meetings are **February 12th at 7:30 AM Special Meeting (Zoom Meeting)**, and **March 5th at 7:30 AM, (Zoom Meeting)**. Mr. Marshall noted that the Public Hearing scheduled for February 24th would be cancelled if there was no business.

(8:09 AM) Mr. Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. **The motion was made by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Ms. Seeley. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.**

List of Exhibits

- Agenda
- January 6 Draft Meeting Minutes
- January 27 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Read File
- Devens Recycling – Table of Allowable Activities

- Devens Recycling – Draft Conditions Republic Site Minor Mod Assignment