

TOWN OF LUNENBURG
Economic Development Committee
Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, 5:30 PM Virtual Via Zoom
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Present Members: Vice Chair Ana Lockwood, Planning Board Representative Matt Brenner, Member Judy Dragoslis, Member Jeanne Dupre

Absent Members: Chair Joeci Gilchrest, Member Cathy Clark, Select Board Representative Glenn McLeod

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM.

1. Public comment

There were no comments from the public.

2. Introduction from Stephen Wallace

The new Director of Planning and Economic Development, Stephen Wallace, was present. Previously he worked with the town of Westminster and the city of Leominster.

Stephen Wallace shared his interest in promoting the town and local business. He suggested advertising in the North Central Middlesex visitor guide and providing a newsletter to be posted at the Johnny Appleseed visitor center. Stephen Wallace has had previous success with creating a brochure that includes local businesses with descriptions as well as a map. After reviewing the town website, Stephen Wallace suggested adding direct links to regional partners such as Mass Development and Mass Econ.

Ana Lockwood inquired for information about zoning bylaws for town spaces under 2,000 square feet. Stephen Wallace has already spoken to the building commission, and they are working on a minor site plan review. There may be a need to amend the site language in zoning which would require an amendment. If a site plan regulation needs to be amended this can be completed at a public hearing with the Planning Board.

Matt Brenner suggested a subgroup be created if he is in need of any feedback or support during the week.

3. Guest Speaker, Leominster Economic Development Director

The Leominster Economic Development Coordinator, Amanda Curtis, was present and provided the Committee with information. She spoke about sponsorships as well as utilizing grants.

To promote local business in town, there is a monthly newsletter that is published around the city as well as an electronic form. The newsletter consists of 8 pages

promoting positive happenings in the city, programs as well as city events. Another form of outreach they utilize is a private Facebook group. There was discussion about successful projects within the city.

4. Update from Planning Board

Matt Brenner stated the old auto lot located at 30 Summer Street may be turned into a multi-story indoor storage facility. There have been no additional updates since the last meeting.

Stephen Wallace stated Hannigan Engineering wants to schedule a meeting with himself and the building commissioner. There is interest in building a large facility, but no address was provided at this time.

5. BYOB discussion

Matt Brenner and Ana Lockwood met with Town Counsel Adam Costa to discuss a possible BYOB policy. Following their conversation, they concluded that no special permission is required if the business is not a restaurant. Additionally, there are no state regulations for non-restaurant businesses regarding BYOB.

6. Business Overview from Cathy Clark

Cathy Clark was not present, and Ana Lockwood didn't receive any email updates.

7. Topics for next meeting

Ana Lockwood advises Committee to email any potential topics to Joeci Gilchrest.

8. Committee comment

There were no Committee comments.

9. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by Jeanne Dupre, seconded by Judy Dragoslis. Roll call vote. Jeanne Dupre aye, Judy Dragoslis aye, Ana Lockwood aye.

The meeting closed at 6:28 PM.