

**Devens Jurisdictional Framework Committee**

**Quarterly Meeting**

**April 12, 2023, 3pm**

**Vicksburg Conference Room**

**33 Andrews Parkway on Devens**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

**Town of Ayer:**

Jannice Livingston (Vice-Chair)  
Alan Manoian

**Town of Harvard:**

Victor Normand (Chair)  
Richard Maiore  
Tim Bragan

**Town of Shirley:**

Bryan Sawyer  
Michael McGovern

**Devens Enterprise Commission:**

Carl Sciple  
Bill Marshall  
Neil Angus

**Devens Community Representatives:**

John Katter  
Marissa Rivera

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Victor Normand (Chair)

Carl Sciple introduced himself as the Harvard appointed replacement for Jim DeZutter on the DEC and that he is awaiting confirmation from the Governor's Office.

**Approval of the January 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Richard Maiore and seconded by Jannice Livingston to approve the meeting minutes from October 12, 2022. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Town of Ayer Update:**

Jannice Livingston turned the Town of Ayer update over to Alan Manoian. Alan Manoian presented to the board how successful the Ayer/Devens Envision 2033 Symposium, that was held on February 24 and 25, was. The two-day Symposium attracted numerous people and received significant press coverage. Alan went on to say it was a good start to Ayer's process and that they received a number of interested individuals who wanted to learn more and get involved with the process.

Locations on Devens of interest to Ayer to include Vicksburg Square; the Nashua Riverfront; the Auman Street Neighborhood and other areas. The Symposium will also involve attendees in becoming citizen planners with respect to Devens in terms of drawing their vision and plans for the future on maps. John

**Town of Harvard Update:**

Rich Maiore discussed the fact that the Select Board heard from the public, as it pays closer attention, even though a final decision is down the road and they wanted to know what the options are beyond taking it back. This was from people and individuals that may not have been involved in Harvard when the Town Meeting voted to look at taking Devens back. We are trying to figure out how we incorporate that while staying true to the original vote. Victor Normand stated that is the direction the Harvard Committee is taking and trying to draw out from stakeholders how they feel about zoning and the things that aren't glamorous.

**Town of Shirley Update:**

Bryan Sawyer stated that Shirley was in the same place they were a few months ago. We did establish a committee and are now looking to populate it. We are not there yet but that is our goal to garner interest in this process and populate our committee.

**Devens Community Update:**

John Katter reported from the Devens perspective they formed a group of residents, which includes Marissa Rivera and others that go door-to-door and enroll residents in a database to connect them and address the issue being talked about here at this meeting. This is not a committee it is an informal group of residents and our first challenge is registering voters so that Devens is represented and our voice heard. He said they have doubled voter registration and have a strong turnout to populate the Devens Committee. We are looking to take a cue from Ayer and have a spring event with the DEC and Devens Committee and talk about everything, something of a hybrid of what has already been done in other communities. Neil Angus said that the DEC would love to reach out and help with the discussion for Devens residents and the Devens Committee.

**Devens Enterprise Commission Update:**

Bill Marshall thanked Alan Manoian for the program Ayer put together. He also thanked Neil Angus for speaking at the Ayer symposium. He then went on to state that the Devens Enterprise Commission is ready to assist with institutional knowledge to all of the committees. We can explain how Devens became what it is today. Neil Angus included Keena Keel's comments from the "Chat" feature of zoom that "she had missed the beginning of the meeting and please note that as a Devens resident I am not interested in being a part of Ayer." Neil wanted to make sure that this became part of the record.

**MassDevelopment Update:**

Jannice Livingston relayed that the meeting with MassDevelopment on February 6<sup>th</sup> with Dan Rivera, Meg Delorier, and the MassDevelopment Chief of Staff (which was attended by Ayer, Harvard, and Shirley) made it clear that MassDevelopment was pulling back from being involved in this process as it thought the prior staff were doing all of the work. She said they were told that the towns need to drive the bus on this and that they would pay for the consultant in the future. She said it was clear that they are out of the process.

**New Business:**

Victor Normand discussed the MOA and RFEI and asked about finalized documents. Alan Manoian said once the documents are ready then he and other Town's Planners could get them out to a wide group of

interested companies. The Board agreed that both a municipal and State process would be used to solicit interest in the RFEI. Victor asked about the MOU and if the committee needed to finalize it and approve it. Paul Green (Harvard's Devens Jurisdiction Committee member) said there is already an agreement on the MOU back in January of 2022.

**Public Input:**

Paul Green, Harvard resident and member of the Harvard Devens Jurisdiction Committee, suggested that the committee create a high-level planning document that could be revised yearly that contains a timeline of the activities undertaken by the DJFC and the communities. Victor said that was a nice idea and that it would be included in the next agenda.

Next meeting is in Shirley at either the Town Hall or the Library on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Tim Bragan seconded by Jannice Livingston to adjourn the meeting at 3:55pm. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tim Bragan, Harvard Town Administrator.

***Meeting minutes approved on 11 October 2023. Jannice Livingston, Vice-Chair DJFC***