

OLD BUSINESS

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Update on Selectmen's Goals – Development of Economic Base

The following activities have taken place to promote economic development in the town over the past several months:

The Board of Selectmen signed an agreement with CGI Communications to participate in the production of marketing videos that cover economic development opportunities, tourism, education and real estate. These videos will be able to be accessed from the Town's website later in April.

The Board of Selectmen signed a contract with the Pinnacle Advisory Group to conduct a hospitality study to assess the market for additional hotels in the Town. This report will be finalized within 90 days.

The Board of Selectmen signed a contract with Fort Hill Advisors to assist the town in obtaining grant funds from the Growth District initiative or another funding source for infrastructure improvements related to the Middleborough Park @ Rt. 495 and the Campanelli Business Park. The grant funds will be used to improve access to both parks which will make them more competitive with neighboring industrial parks in other communities.

The Board of Selectmen signed a contract with the Reynolds Company for an appraisal of the Town's land in the newly created Commercial Development District. This is the first step in the process to develop an RFP to sell the land for commercial/industrial use.

The Town has submitted a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant to the Executive Office of Transportation for infrastructure improvements in the Everett Square area including upgrades to roads, intersections, sidewalks, curbs and amenities (i.e. benches, trees and signage).

The Middleborough Office of Economic and Community Development partnered with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, Rockland Trust, Middleborough on the Move, and the MA Small Business Development Center to present a free small business seminar aimed at assisting Middleborough business owners and residents on Tuesday March 31, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. at the Town Hall.