SUMMER RESIDENTS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town of Chatham

Minutes of Meeting of August 16, 2013

Town Annex Building, George Ryder Road

**Present**: Hal Kraus (Chairman), Bob Champlin, Kay Flynn, Jill MacDonald, Hugh Moulton, Joel Rottner, Colette Trailor, Mike Waters.

**Call to Order**. Hal Kraus, Chairman of SRAC, called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

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**Guest Speakers**. Hal Kraus introduced the Committee’s first Guest Speaker, David Oppenheim, Chatham Hotel and Commercial property owner. Mr. Oppenheim is a well-known developer in the community of Chatham.

***David Oppenheim***. Mr. Oppenheim’s current project includes the renovation and development of a Main Street complex currently occupied by several well-known businesses. He presented a 3- dimensional design of the configuration of the proposed complex with emphasis on the structural modifications that will be made. He emphasized that the project continues to be very sensitive to the fact that it abuts a residential neighborhood and every effort has been made to retain its residential character. The new complex will incorporate housing for year-round employees as well. There will not be any food establishments in the complex. It is expected that the businesses in the new complex will be fully opened by Memorial Day, 2014. A question and answer period followed with questions regarding the Cape Cod Health Center and its function vis-a-vis the Fontaine Medical Center and several others.

Hal Kraus thanked Mr., Oppenheim who then introduced Rebecca Speight.

***Rebecca Speight.*** Rebecca is the owner of Chatham Cookware. She spoke of her background beginning as an employee of the Wayside Inn, where she worked in differing capacities. With the help of Mr. Oppenheim, Rebecca took over the management of the Chatham Cookware, and, subsequently developed a partnership with him. Over time, she evolved as a very successful entrepreneur and purchased the property from him. SRAC commended her for her success and commended David for his willingness to mentor her which he did so successfully.

SRAC thanked Rebecca for her presentation.

Hal Kraus then introduced Shane Coughlin, Chairman, Chatham Economic Development Committee

***Shane Coughlin***. Mr. Coughlin had been employed by David Oppenheim as a chef at the Wayside Inn. Over time, he has held several positions in its operations. Currently, he is the Chief Operating Officer of the Oppenheim Properties in Chatham. He is also in partnership in the Mayflower venture.

Mr. Coughlin spoke of his involvement in the newly formulated Economic Development Committee, which was launched in September, 2012. The Committee is comprised of many individuals who bring broad and extensive backgrounds in varied fields. The Mission of the Committee, as presented by the Board of Selectmen, is rather general, thus allowing the membership to assess the needed direction of the group as it evolves. The Committee has had many presentations from differing community groups and businesses. Mr. Kraus invited Shane to SRAC’s meeting on August 26th to hear a presentation from a representative to the Cape Cod Commission.

The members of SRAC thanked him for the information presented to the Committee.

**Finance Position Paper**. Hugh Moulton presented the Financial Position Paper on the financial status of the Town, known as the Scorecard. Mr. Moulton organized and authored the Position Paper with the input from Committee members. He invited comments and suggestions as presented, to which there were none. The Committee unanimously approved the Position Paper following a motion by Jill MacDonald, seconded by Kay Flynn.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2013 were presented and approved, following a motion by Hugh Moulton, seconded by Kay Flynn.

**Fire House Position Statement.** SRAC’s position relative to the Fire Station Project was further discussed. A letter to the Board of Selectmen, regarding the position of SRAC, was read by Jill MacDonald, and unanimously approved following a motion by Michael Waters, seconded by Kay Flynn.

**Review of Town Meeting**. The Committee discussed the recent Summer Town Meeting and recommended a reconsideration of time allotments to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for their presentations next year. It was

evident that the time appropriated was not adequate to the comprehensiveness of the materials being presented.

**Other Business.**

Several topics were brought up that needed to be addressed in anticipation of further discussions and consideration.

1. A position paper, prepared by Michael Waters, regarding parking at the Fish Pier will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. The Chatham Computer Billing Project, spearheaded by Bob Champlin,

will be further discussed at the next meeting.

1. A topic to be considered for the summer of 2014 is a joint meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Summer Residents Advisory Committee towards the end of the summer session.
2. Hal Kraus announced that Kathy Malfa would revert from her role as Associate Member to SRAC to a full member status beginning with the summer of 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

The minutes were prepared and submitted by Colette B. Trailor