

Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC)
Remote Regular Meeting
Minutes September 10, 2026

Members: Melissa Fetterhoff, Peter Lowitt, William Marshall, Jim Pinard, Marty Poutry, Debra Rivera, Paul Routhier, Carl Sciple, Deborah Seeley
Members Absent: Duncan Chapman, Christopher Lilly,
Staff: Neil Angus, Beth Suedmeyer, Dawn Babcock
Guests: Dona Neely (Devens Eco-Efficiency)

(7:31 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.

(7:32 AM) Chairman Marshall did the roll call for the meeting

(7:35 AM) Chairman Marshall noted, we will need to nominate Ms. Rivera as a voting Regional Representative for this meeting. **The motion was made by Ms. Seeley and seconded by Mr. Pinard. The nomination was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.**

(7:36 AM) Mr. Marshall reviewed the agenda of this evening's meeting.

(7:37 AM) Mr. Marshall Introduced Peter Lowitt to the commissioners. Mr. Marshall noted that Mr. Lowitt has returned to Devens Enterprise Commission this time as a Commissioner. Mr. Marshall asked Mr. Lowitt what he had been doing since retirement. Mr. Lowitt noted that he has been working on the Prison Re-Use committee in Concord as well as working on making his church and its outbuilding Green Buildings.

Review Minutes:

- **(7:42 AM) August 25th Draft Minutes:** Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns of the minutes that were posted? None were asked. Mr. Marshall then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. **The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mr. Sciple and seconded by Mr. Poutry. The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Mr. Lowitt, Ms. Fetterhoff and Mr. Pinard abstained from voting as they were not present for the August 25, 2026, meeting.**

Public Hearing

- None

New Business:

- **(7:43 AM) Devens Eco-Efficiency Center 6 Month Update:** Mr. Angus introduced Ms. Dona Neely, the Director of the Eco-Efficiency Center and handed the floor over to her. Ms. Neely presented updates on the implementation of the 3-year business plan for the Eco-Efficiency Center, highlighting progress in operational improvements, marketing efforts, and program development. She reported significant achievements in tracking actual savings rather than estimates, enhancing marketing tools including a new website and logo, and increasing online sales

and social media engagement. The center is also working on diversifying funding sources through corporate sponsorships and grants, with plans to launch a new volunteer program and continue building partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions but none were asked. Mr. Angus noted that he is excited to see work being done with local businesses and noted that next week there is a Green Team Roundtable that the Eco-Efficiency Center and DEC are hosting and Bio Techne will be speaking regarding their sustainability programs which is helpful for other businesses to hear, as well as the Eco-Efficiency Center and the DEC.

- **(8:06 AM) Social Media Minute - LinkedIn:** Mr. Angus noted that he normally shares the Facebook page but tonight he shared the information on LinkedIn and noted that this site is used for more business-related items we want to share, like Mass Ride, Devens Businesses, MassDev 30 for 30, Shriver Job Corp., MassDev sale of 77 Grant Road for Emerson Green's Multi Family home, to name a few. Mr. Marshall congratulated Mr. Angus for being recognized as part of the Power 100 in the Worcester Business Journal. Mr. Angus thanked Mr. Marshall and noted CFS and BMS were also recognized.
- **(8:14 AM) Read File:** Mr. Angus noted that there are a few articles in the read file. CFS received another billion dollars of funding so they are looking at moving forward with both CFS-3 and CFS-4 instead of using the 18-month extension already granted. There was an article in the Harvard Press about Harvard -Devens Jurisdictional Committee's work looking at reclaiming their portion of Devens. An editorial from the Harvard press on the housing development in Devens was also discussed. The last item in the read file is regarding the upcoming Pocket Forest work days in Ayer on the 19th & 20th from 3:00 – 5:00.

Old Business:

- **(8:18 AM) Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee – Matrix Summary:** Mr. Angus noted that after going through the 19 matrix the past year, the committee is now focusing on identifying areas of agreement and differences among each of the matrix responses from the stakeholder groups. Mr. Angus noted the uniqueness of Devens and its regional influence that has been documented throughout this matrix process. Mr. Angus shared a summary report of the matrix responses, along with a summary of the status quo of the 19 responses to each matrix item. Mr. Marshall stated that MassDevelopment has started to return to the meetings. Mr. Marshall asked if there are any questions and none were asked. Mr. Angus did note that he has shared these documents with MassDevelopment.

Mr. Angus noted that the 5-year report has been finalized and should be posted on the website today. Mr. Angus noted that we are the only stakeholder who does a 5-year report.

Public Comment:

- **(8:26 AM)** Mr. Marshall asked if there were any questions from the Public and none were noted.

(8:26 AM) Mr. Marshall noted the next scheduled meetings are **September 29th at 6:45 PM (Hybrid Meeting), and October 8th at 7:30 AM, (Zoom Meeting).**

(8:27 AM) Mr. Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Poutry and seconded by Ms. Seeley. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

List of Exhibits

- Agenda
- August 25th Draft Minutes
- Devens Eco-Efficiency Center 6 Month Update
- Read File
- Devens Jurisdictional Framework Committee Matrix – Summary
- Devens Jurisdictional Framework Committee Matrix – Complete

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