

THE DEVENS COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: April 18, 2005

Members present: Mike Boucher, Phil Crosby, Bob Eisengrein

Guests: none

Minutes:

- the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed

Two major topics were discussed in detail at this meeting.:

Housing at Devens:

The previous discussions on the housing potential for Devens were reviewed in more detail. Mike and Bob elaborated further on their approaches. We discussed the locations of realistic sites for future housing. We began a tabulation of these sites with what seemed reasonable units of housing for specific locations. The total number of units was about 600, but Mike felt the maximum number should be less at the present time. He planned to use this figure initially in the Devens criteria work.

As we discussed land potential for residential housing, and thus the reduction in land for commercial development, Phil suggested that we claim all land now owned by Mass Development. None of it would be released unless others provide a sound and compelling reason for doing so. Mike agreed that a statement like this would be inserted in our criteria.

We agreed to further study future housing potential and it's consequences for Devens future –economically, socially, and with reference to sustainability.

Devens Criteria:

A general discussion began with a review of the existing criteria, and possible changes. The existing list was reviewed item by item with comments from all. Mike made note of these comments and was willing to modify the existing version to include comments agreed upon. He will forward them to all members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting of the committee will be on May 4, 2005.

Draft submitted by: bob eisengrein

