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IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLVE 02-05042015

Expressing Support for the Initiative to Evaluate and Improve the Joint Economic Development Efforts of the City

of Auburn and Town of Poland.

Whereas, concerns have been raised regarding the lack of focus of the two municipalities' economic development efforts and the extent to which they need to reflect the changing nature of the national and regional economy; and

Whereas, interest arose during a joint conference of the two communities to pursue shared vision for economic development in the adjacent properties that border each as well as support for the creative economy in its broadest sense and a desire to pursue policies that enhance the region's ability to attract creative and talented individuals to Poland and Auburn as a means to foster economic growth and investment; and

Whereas, there remains a strong commitment to the legacy of Poland and Auburn as a manufacturing and transportation hubs and support for strengthening targeted efforts in those areas; and

Whereas, there has been a demand among local elected officials in both communities for enhancing their role in the economic development process, including regular discussion between peers on either side of the border, and how that role should be balanced with the involvement of other stakeholders, in order to maintain a high level of involvement from the private sector in Poland and Auburn; and

Whereas, these issues, along with the numerous public and private organizations that are involved in economic development in this region, have raised concerns regarding our overall lack of a joint economic development strategy and the extent to which the various agencies, including the respective municipal governments, are coordinating their efforts around areas of joint interest; and

Whereas, there is a desire to develop a focused economic development structure for Poland and Auburn; improve communication and coordination between the organizations and principals involved in providing economic development support services; and strengthen the knowledge and involvement of municipal elected officials from both municipalities; and

Whereas, there shall be 4 members from each municipality, Auburn members will consist of one City Councilor, an Auburn resident, and two Auburn residents who are either LAEGC or ABDC Board members appointed by the Mayor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN AND THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF POLAND THAT

We support the effort to review, debate, and implement the economic development structure not currently in place in Poland and Auburn with the goal of implementing a broadly based, widely supported and focused joint economic development strategy, sustaining broadly based input from partners and businesses, increasing the knowledge and involvement of municipal elected officials in economic development efforts, and better coordinating and focusing the efforts and resources of the communities and private sector partners on the areas identified as key to the economic future of the communities.

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ATTEST _____
Susan Clements-Dallaire, City Clerk