



# TOWN OF CARVER

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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October 28, 2013 BDC Minutes

Attendance: Steve Romano, Chair; Rob Woolson; Brian Abatiello; Laurie Barrett; and Eric Steele  
Guests: Jack Hunter, BOS Helen Marrone and Barry Bluestone

Chairman Romano opened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

1. Barry Bluestone – Mr. Hunter introduced Mr. Bluestone from the Dukakis Center for Public Policy. Mr. Hunter noted that he met Mr. Bluestone at a conference not too long ago and was hopeful his presentation would benefit Carver and The BDC efforts for healthy Economic Development.

Mr. Bluestone went over his credentials and then offered a PowerPoint presentation of his EDSAT program. Municipalities start by identifying and promoting their “deal makers” that foster economic growth and opportunity and surmounting the “deal breakers” within their control that have been working against their efforts. Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool (EDSAT) enhances the power of local officials to affect positive change in policies and procedures and to better enable these communities to compete for critically needed private sector investment – that is, EDSAT is one of the first steps mayors and city managers can take to becoming the “CEO of Economic Development” for their communities.

The BDC asked questions regarding comparisons; financing and how do we move forward with this type of program.

The Chair thanked MR. Bluestone and informed him that the BDC would be taking this up at their next meeting.

2. On a motion by Mr. Steele and seconded by Mr. Abatiello the minutes of August 12, 2013 were unanimously approved.
3. On a motion by Mr. Woolson and seconded by Ms. Barrett all other items were tabled unanimously.
4. Next meeting: November 25, 2013