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What should developers know about the process when working with your community? One stop coordination. Planning Department will work with developers to make sure the project compliments the vision, goals and objectives for Weymouth's economic development. Planning Department will coordinate meetings with mayor and appropriate town councilors. Planning Department will coordinate meetings with all relevant town department heads to flush out any and all issues and concerns. Planning staff will work with developer to insure approval from boards and commissions that need to approve the project.

Are there any areas within your communities that you are looking to draw investment? Areas around are three commuter rail stations- Weymouth Landing, East Weymouth, and South Weymouth. In addition we are encouraging investment in our four village centers- Weymouth Landing, Bicknell Sq., Jackson Sq. and Columbian Sq. Also select areas along our major commercial corridors (recently re-zoned) including portions of Rte. 18 (Main St.), Rte. 53 (Washington St.), Rte. 3A (Bridge St.), and Columbian St.

Why should developers look to your town? Location, location, location. Access from Rte. 3, three commuter rail stations, several MBTA bus lines that connect to the red line at Braintree and Quincy Center. Weymouth has a city form of government that enables quick decision making and lays out the "rules of the game" that creates certainty for developers as well as a pro-active mayor and municipal departments.

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