

Block Island Tourism Council

Minutes

November 10, 2015

11am Town Hall

Present: Brad, Logan, Sven, Julie and Jessica.

Absent: Steve, Zena, John

Meeting called to order at 11:02 by Brad

Public Comment: None

Director's Report:

- **Correspondence: Letter from the office of the Governor asking for targets for cutting red tape.**
- **Hotel Tax: August down from last year a bit, but right on par with the year previous.**
- **Jessica shared the board attendance report for 2015**
- **Commission on Tourism Report: Jessica reported that she will be attending a Commission on Tourism Meeting where Providence, Commerce RI and Blackstone Valley will present. These meetings are**

one hour, once a month, ending in March. The Commission will then present a report to the Speaker of the House with our findings.

Approve Minutes:

October 20, 2015: Sven made a motion to approve and Logan seconded. All approved.

Old Business:

A) Presentation by BI Times: Fraser presented the board with a check for \$7500, which is the most return yet. Fraser then gave a proposal for the 2016 magazine. The board asked to see specifics on adding a few pages to the magazine. Jessica said she would bring this info back to the next meeting.

New Business:

A) 2016 Schedule: Brad made a motion to accept the 2016 Tourism Council Meeting Schedule. Sven seconded and all approved.

B) RIAC Meeting: Jessica let the board know that she had set up a meeting with RIAC and AvPorts on Block Island to discuss the landing fee that had recently been raised at BID. It was a productive

meeting where RIAC announced that they were suspending the new fee until January 1. Jessica was asked to set up another meeting in December where some alternate ideas to raise revenues could be discussed. To that end, Jessica asked Board members and members of the public to pass their idea on to her so she could present them at the next meeting.

Next meeting is December 15th at 11am.

Accounts Payable:

Sven made a motion to pay the bills. Brad seconded and all approved.

11:55am: Sven made a motion to adjourn. Julie seconded. All approved.

Date Accepted: December 15, 2015

Jessica Willi

Executive Director

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