

# Town of Tiverton



## Economic Development Commission

343 Highland Road, Tiverton Rhode Island 02878

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### MEETING MINUTES

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ORGANIZATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE AND TIME: OCTOBER 10, 2013 @ 6:00PM

LOCATION: TIVERTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
346 JUDSON STREET  
TIVERTON, RI 02878

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Chairman Scott Humphrey called the regular meeting of the Tiverton Economic Development Commission to order at 6:00 P.M. Other members present were: Susan Gill, Jonathan Cottrell and Leonard Schmidt. Member Thomas Humphrey was absent.

**Item # 1 Approval of minutes meeting of September 12**

Mr. Cottrell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gill, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Schmidt voted in favor of the motion.

**Item # 2 Review EDC website analytics**

There was no discussion of this item.

**Item #3 Town meetings update:**

**Harbor Commission & Recreation Commission / Susan Gill:** Ms. Gill stated that she had not attended any Harbor Commission meetings. She noted that the Recreation Commission is working with the Four Corners Merchant Association to fundraise for the soccer complex.

**Planning Board & Town Council / Len Schmidt:** Mr. Schmidt stated that he had attended the September 17 Special Meeting regarding the Tiverton Crossings petition. He noted that there is another Special Meeting on this topic scheduled for October 15 at the Senior Center. Mr. Schmidt stated that he did not attend any Town Council meetings, but Mr. Humphrey did and would discuss it later in the meeting.

**Wastewater Management / Jon Cottrell:** Mr. Cottrell stated that the Wastewater Management Commission was making a lot of progress in the facilities update. He stated that the State was halfway through its report of the plan, with no problems so far. He stated that the work would tentatively begin with Riverside Drive, then the Robert Gray area, then the Bay Street area.

**Zoning Board / Thomas Humphrey:** Mr. T. Humphrey was absent.

**Four Corners Merchant Group / Scott Humphrey & Susan Gill:** Mr. Humphrey stated that there was a runway show even scheduled for tomorrow night.

**Item #4 RWU Community Partnership: Susan Gill**

Ms. Gill stated that she had worked with Mr. Schmidt to prepare an application for the program. The project would be related to the EDC website, in an effort to stimulate more interest. She stated that RWU (Roger Williams University) would select projects at the end of November. Ms. Gill noted that this could open the door to other opportunities to work with RWU students. Mr. Schmidt noted that there is also a State internship program. Mr. Humphrey stated that there had been discussion regarding website content at the economic development conference that he had attended.

**Item #5 The EDC update to the Town Council: Scott Humphrey**

Mr. Humphrey stated that he had given an update on current activities to the Town Council at its September 23 meeting. He stated that he had discussed messaging, events, conferences and initiatives such as the regional EDC proposed by the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. He had also reviewed the liaison program with other Boards and Commissions and the discussions regarding formulation of a Tiverton Business Association. Mr. Humphrey stated that the EDC's prime role was as "agents to facilitate change and to keep communications going". Mr. Schmidt inquired about feedback from the Council. Mr. Humphrey replied that it was positive. He added that he had also summarized the Business Leadership Conference in Washington, DC that he had attended.

The next steps for the TBA were discussed, which included opening a dialogue with the business community. Town Councilor Gerlach had indicated a preference to hold a "meet and greet" event. Based on discussions, it was decided that the target date would be in early 2014.

**Item #6 Tiverton Library fund raising efforts: Stu Horwitz / Eileen Browning**

This item was continued to the November meeting.

**Item #7 Riverside Drive Cecil Group: Scott Humphrey**

Mr. Humphrey noted that the owners of Pirate Cove had leased the property at Anthony Point. He noted that this was an optimal time for future planning in this area of Town. Ms. Michaud stated that there was a possibility of expanding the Challenge Grant form-based codes project to include the waterfront area of Riverside / Stone Bridge. She noted that the budget process would determine the feasibility.

**Item #8 New Business and Economic Development Items and Updates of Interest**

- Mr. Humphrey stated that he would distribute a budget worksheet for a vote at the next meeting.
- Ms. Gill discussed advertising in the Newport County Chamber of Commerce publication and via a new set of rack cards. She suggested that a rack card could tie in the arts community. Discussion ensued.

**Item #9 Next Meeting Schedule, Agenda and Adjournment**

The next meeting would be held on November 14, 2013. Mr. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cottrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gill, Mr. Cottrell, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Schmidt voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Kate Michaud Approval Date: November 14, 2013