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Town of Tiverton



Economic Development Commission

343 Highland Road, Tiverton Rhode Island 02878

MEETING MINUTES

ORGANIZATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE AND TIME: February 13, 2014 @ 6:00PM

LOCATION: TIVERTON TOWN HALL
343 HIGHLAND ROAD
TIVERTON, RI 02878

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 and Jonathan Cottrell. Thomas Humphrey and Leonard Schmidt were absent. Jay Massa was present on behalf of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce.

Item # 1 Approval of January, 2013 minutes.

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

Item #2 Town meetings update:

Harbor Commission & Recreation Commission / Susan Gill: Ms. Gill stated that these meetings were canceled due to snow.

Town Council & Planning Board / Len Schmidt: Mr. Schmidt was not present.

Wastewater Management / Jon Cottrell: Mr. Cottrell stated that wastewater district plans have been submitted to the State for approval of funds.

Zoning Board / Thomas Humphrey: Mr. T. Humphrey was not present.

Four Corners Merchant Group / Scott Humphrey & Susan Gill: There was no meeting held.

Item #3 Web site management: Susan Gill

Ms. Gill stated that she would resubmit the application to the Roger Williams University Community Partnership Center for assistance with the website design. The application was due March 1.

Item #4 Update on the 2013/14 budget / Council: Scott Humphrey

The EDC budget proposal was presented to the Town Council by Mr. Humphrey. Sally Black had voiced her support at the meeting.

Item #5 Review Tiverton Business Forum event: Susan Gill / Scott Humphrey

Special thanks were given to Jay Massa for setting up the Town backdrop for the event. The event was well attended and positive feedback has been received. A discussion ensued as to next steps to be taken.

Item #6 Review of the EDC talking points: Scott Humphrey

Mr. Humphrey discussed talking points of the EDC. Tax Assessor David Robert had reported that only level funding is allowed through the budget, and that additional revenue decreases the tax rate and cannot apply to outstanding debts. Mr. Humphrey stated that he would check with Town Solicitor Andrew Teitz regarding the mechanics of tax revenue application.

Item #7 Next Meeting Schedule, Agenda and Adjournment

The next meeting would be held on March 13, 2014. Mr. Cottrell made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gill, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Cottrell voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Susan Gill Approval Date: March 13, 2014