

Town of Tiverton



Economic Development Commission

343 Highland Road, Tiverton Rhode Island 02878

MEETING MINUTES

ORGANIZATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE AND TIME: June 12 2014 @ 6:00PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Scott Humphrey at 6:20PM.

Members present in addition to S. Humphrey were John Cottrell and Susan Gill, Len Schmidt was absent. Guests were Barbara Pelletier and Jay Massa.

Item #1: Minutes

No minutes from May 2014 meeting were available, approval was postponed until July meeting.

Item #2: Town Meeting updates

Harbor Commission- S.Gill unable to attend last meeting, no report

Town Council- L. Schmidt absent, no report

Recreation Commission- S. Gill reported beach fees were voted on and will go to Town Council for approval on June 23rd. Summer programs readying for registration.

Planning Board- S. Humphrey discussed zoning project and use tables, unclear and still too many special permits, needs further review. Plan for June 30 Council agenda item to clarify. J. Cottrell stated he felt too many items were still unclear for businesses. S. Humphrey also reported that final 4 applicants for Town Planner were interviewed, no decision yet reached.

Waste Water- J. Cottrell reported the Senate has approved the plan, the House vote is this Friday. It will establish 2 sewer districts, cost is \$4.6 million; \$1.2 million funded by a grant, remainder will be an FDA loan at rate of 3% and will require a Town bond. The homeowner will be charged a tie in and line fee.

Zoning- TBD

Four Corners Merchant Group- S. Humphrey commented that the focus of the meeting was their marketing campaign. Several shops have moved to new locations. The town Administrator was present at the meeting.

Item #3: Develop 2014 program of work

S.Humphrey set a workshop for June 18th at 4PM at Humphrey's Building Supply.

Item #4: Letter to Thomas Humphrey

Letter of thanks presented by S. Humphrey. It was agreed by members present to send the letter to Mr. Humphrey thanking him for his participation on the EDC.

Item #5: EDC applicants

No discussion at his time

Item #6: Identify Town Council vacancies for 2014

S. Humphrey discussed Councilmen Gerlach and Rodericks will not be running for office this Fall election. June 25th is deadline for applicants, he asked EDC members to encourage likeminded individuals to seek office.

Item #7: Update on the Tiverton Business Park

S. Humphrey discussed the Town Council has given the green light to the Town Administrator, the EDC and RI Commerce (Marcel Valois) to formulate steps for going forward with the State's assistance with marketing and developing infrastructure. Governor Chaffee will soon be touring the Park and hopefully lend his political support to the project. The State would invest \$2.5 million improving the infrastructure and seek quasi private companies to do the build out. The Town would repay the costs through dollars collected on the sale of the Park.

Item #8: Tiverton Business Association

S. Humphrey reported the executive board has been formed. They will now actively begin reaching out to local business owners to seek their support and involvement.

Item #9: Discussion on the proposed commercial zone

See under Planning Board comments

Item #10: Next meeting and adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2014 @ 6PM at Town Hall

Motion was made by J. Cottrell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by S. Gill. Unanimous vote, meeting adjourned at 7:10PM