

# 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: May 8, 2014 @ 6:00PM

LOCATION: TIVERTON TOWN HALL  
343 HIGHLAND ROAD  
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 and Leonard Schmidt. Jonathan Cottrell was absent. Thomas Humphrey had recently resigned.

**Item # 1 Approval of April, 2014 minutes.**

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

**Item #2 Town meetings update:**

**Harbor Commission / Susan Gill:** Ms. Gill stated interviews had been held for Harbor Master. The interim Harbor Master was scheduled to begin work tomorrow. Future funding of trash removal and restroom facilities (port a john) for the boat ramp under the Sakonnet River Bridge would be a topic for future discussion. Also discuss was the issue of the pumpout boat. A grant is available, but a Town match would be needed as well as annual operating expenses. Ms. Gill noted that this issue would be discussed during next year's budget process.

Ms. Gill noted that the Fogland Beach boat ramp was in need of repair and dredging. She noted that the ramp is owned by the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). Other items discussed at the Harbor Commission meeting including the unused moorings at the Boathouse and the need for repairs to the Harbor Master boat.

**Planning Board / Len Schmidt:** Mr. Schmidt did not attend. Ms. Michaud updated the Commission on three recent commercial petitions, including a mixed use building at the corner of Main Road and Old Bulgarmarsh Road (Lach), a commercial building at the corner of Main Road and Haskins Avenue (Lebeau) and a pizza restaurant directly to the north of the Starwood entrance on Main Road (same parcel as the Dania gas station). Mr. Humphrey asked to be kept informed on progress.

**Recreation Commission / Susan Gill:** Ms. Gill noted that she had been appointed as a member of the Recreation Commission. She noted that fees were under review and would be a topic for an upcoming Town Council meeting.

**Town Council / Len Schmidt:** Mr. Schmidt did not attend.

**Wastewater Management / Jon Cottrell:** Mr. Cottrell was not present.

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

**Four Corners Merchant Group / Susan Gill:** Ms. Gill stated that there were new tenants in the area and that the Group was working on summer events.

**Item #3          Develop 2014 Program of Work**

Mr. Humphrey suggested moving this item to an upcoming workshop. The other EDC members agreed.

**Item #4          Letter of Thanks for Service for Thomas Humphrey**

Mr. Humphrey noted that he had received a formal letter of resignation, but that Mr. T. Humphrey has announced his resignation at the last meeting. The EDC members agreed that a letter of thanks was in order and that he would be missed.

**Item #5          Election(s) for the Board**

Mr. Humphrey nominated Susan Gill as Vice Chairman. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Ms. Gill accepted the position. Mr. Humphrey noted that membership would be on the next meeting agenda.

**Item #6          Tiverton Business Association – update**

Mr. Humphrey covered this item, noting that the name of the new organization is the Tiverton Business Collaborative. He stated that the organization had been formed with the State, and that a 501c.3. application would be filed. The Executive Board and legal counsel is in place. The next step would be outreach to businesses. After the membership drive, the Collaborative would appear before the Town Council.

**Item #7          Update on CPAC**

The Comprehensive Community Plan Update was ongoing. Mr. Humphrey and Ms. Michaud recapped the progress.

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

The next meeting would be held on June 12, 2014. Mr. Humphrey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gill, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Schmidt voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Submitted by: Kate Michaud      Approval Date: draft