

Town of Tiverton



Economic Development Commission

343 Highland Road, Tiverton Rhode Island 02878

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Susan Gill at 6:25. There was not a quorum until member Melissa Hutchinson arrived.

Members present were Susan Gill, Melissa Hutchinson, and Renee Jones. Scott Humphrey and Jon Cottrell were attending the CPAC meeting.

Item # 1 Approval of February 12, 2015 minutes. There was a correction by Susan Gill who noted that the Harbor Commission had been canceled and there had been no report. Motion made to accept the amended minutes by Melissa Hutchinson. Seconded by Renee Jones and passed unanimously.

Item #2 Town meetings update:

Harbor Commission

- No report.

Planning Board

- March 3, 2015 meeting held to discuss and review
- Comprehensive Community Plan forwarded by CPAC committee. Element 6-Housing and Element 9 Open Space, Coastal Resources and Recreation were reviewed.
- Planning Board–March 12, 2015 continued until March 24 because of lack of legal representation

Recreation Commission

- Susan Gill reported that she is now the Chairperson of the Commission due to resignation of Gary Rose. She will be presenting to the Budget Committee after EDC meeting adjourns.

Town Council

- Discussed BYOB ordinance. To be continued.
- Scott Humphrey presented accomplishments of EDC and future goals.
- Councilman Souza still concerned about increasing business zoning.
- Peter Ruggiero resigned as Land Use Attorney.
- There was discussion about having Andy Teitz the Town attorney cover the Planning Board hearings. Vote was taken and motion failed 4-3

Waste Water Management

- No report. Jon Cottrell absent

Zoning

- Melissa Hutchinson was unable to attend but will follow up when decisions are posted and report at the next meeting any items of interest.

Four Corner Business Association

- No report.

Item #3 New Business

- Sue Gill reported that due to budgetary issues in the town that \$5,000.00 of the Economic Development's budget has been frozen until further notice. She discussed meeting with the Town Council to present a new budget that would include advertising and future forums. There was a question of being able to demonstrate the effectiveness of expenditures by analyzing return on investment.
- Sue Gill presented data documents that she had received from various sources that had information about town businesses. There was a discussion of how best to use the data and whether it could be further refined by combining lists. Issue of documenting local business sites that a vacant was also discussed and ideas included speaking to local realtors about how they list business properties. It was also mentioned that members could survey surrounding towns to see what procedures/written materials they provide potential new businesses to assist them.

This led into a discussion of Program of work handout that had been distributed at the Feb. 12, 2015 and how best to approach the different topics. Assignments were clarified.

Section 1-Jon Cottrell and Renee Jones

Section 2-Susan Gill

Section 3-Melissa Hutchinson

Section 4-Scott Humphrey

Section 5-Susan Gill/ Melissa

Section 6-Jon Cottrell

Section 7-All

Motion was made by Melissa Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 and seconded by Renee Jones. Adjournment was approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be April 9, 2015 at 6:00 at Tiverton Town Hall

SUBMITTED BY Renee Jones on March 30, 2015