

Economic Development Commission Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday September 10, 2015

Location: Tiverton Public Library

Time: 5:30 PM

Members in Attendance

Scott Humphrey
Susan Gill
Jon Cottrell
Melissa Hutchinson
Renee Jones

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Humphrey at 5:35.

Item #1 – Minutes

Motion to approve meeting notes for July 9, 2015 was made by Jon Cottrell and seconded by Melissa Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Item #2-Business Park Update:

There was a discussion about the Long Sports Center in the Business/Industrial park . Plans have been revised multiple times. There are concerns about wastewater. Marc Rousseau, Town Planner said that to date, wastewater plans have not been forwarded to the Wastewater Commission. Matt Wojcik mentioned a recent meeting called to discuss water use in the town in part prompted by potential large developments and concerns about water pressure. There was also mention about letter being sent to the Planning Board to discuss having water and wastewater issues raised during master plan phase.

Energy-Marc Rousseau spoke about Business/Industrial park and that there was active interest. An appraisal has been done to assist with potential offers.

Item #3- Stone Bridge Ad Hoc Committee: A committee has been formed to work on the Seaside Gas site. Members include people from other town committees. EDC is represented by Melissa Hutchinson. Roger Williams report completed last year, is a starting point and they are also looking into grants for specific concerns such as dealing with cesspool removal, runoff, and asphalt removal. Save the Bay will be visiting the site and the next meeting will be 9/30.

Item #4- Town Meeting Updates

Harbor Commission- Jon Cottrell- No meeting- Boathouse has given up some moorings.

Planning Board -Renee Jones

Abel Hart Commons extension of performance guarantee.

Harkins Stafford LLC time clock extended.

Tiverton Heights Pre-Application Plan. Informal Concept Plan. Legal issue of number of housing lots permissible raised. Questions about impact of development water use, phasing of project, potential school age children, possibility of over 55 restrictions. Concept being “New Urbanization” Technical

Review Meeting to be scheduled.

Jerome project-Continued discussion about subdivision and entrance.

Recreation-Susan Gill- Successful summer season. All programs completed. Food trucks worked best on weekends. Osprey co. interested in coming back next year.

Town Council- Susan Gill- Riptides Bar and Grill was discussed. There continue to be concerns but it is moving forward. Trish Hilton is the chairperson for the Stonebridge Ad Hoc committee. Jay Lambert dropped non-resident eligibility for committees change to town charter. Landfill closure discussed.

Zoning Board- Melissa Hutchinson-No Meeting

Four Corners-Susan Gill-Most vendors had a decent summer. Getting ready to decorate for the holidays

Item 5- Business Forum-Jon Cottrell, Renee Jones-Forum held 8/6/2015. Advertised via flyers to individual businesses in N. Tiverton. Marc Rousseau, town planner was guest speaker. Discussed reasons for poor attendance and whether there should be another forum after summer.

Item 6-Program of work update-Church Community Group grants reviewed for applicability to local businesses. Discussion of ways to support businesses including introducing software programs to facilitate work, encouraging more interaction with Newport Chamber of commerce. Monitoring both local businesses and availability of properties. Melissa Hutchinson has been in contact with Bill Clark from Portsmouth and they use MLS to keep up with that information.

Item 7-State website recording of agenda/minutes- Scott reported that meetings had been incorrectly noted on the State website. Edits not available after posting.

Item 8- Next meeting schedule-Next meeting October 8, 6:00 Tiverton Library

Item 9- Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Jon Cottrell and seconded by Renee Jones

Submitted by Renee Jones

Approved as amended 10/8/15

Scott Humphrey

Melissa Hutchinson

Sue Gill

Renee Jones