



Economic Development Commission
343 Highland Road, Tiverton RI 02878

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 17, 2016
Location: Tiverton Town Library
34 Roosevelt Ave.
Tiverton, RI 02878

Meeting was called to order at 5:37pm by Chairperson, Scott Humphrey.

Members present included: Scott Humphrey (SH), Renee deJesus Jones(RdJ), Melissa Hutchinson (MH) and Marc Rousseau (MR), Matt Wojcik (MW)

Other attendees: Peter Mello, Trish Hilton (Tiverton Conservation Commission)

Item #1: January Meeting Minutes Approval. Motion made by SH, seconded by MH, unanimous approval.

Item #2: Town Meetings Update

a. Harbor Commission – JC not present

b. Planning Board (RdJ) – board is completing a preliminary development review of the Lifespan Medical building adjacent to RiteAid and Jerome’s 5 lot subdivision which has difficult access off Highland Rd. The board is establishing guidelines for new union hire of Planning Board clerk, current Administrative Officer is MR

c. Recreation Committee – (2) new board members elected: John Corderio and Karen Madolo

d. Town Council (RdJ) – TC reviewed the license renewals for both General Auto Recycling and the Tiverton Flea Market. Flea Market has life & safety issues related to outdated electrical and roofing/tarps that are not water-tight, General Auto is expanding without permit, School Dept is requesting bond approval in November for \$15.4m for upgrades to HVAC and roofing at the Middle & High School (39% of which would be reimbursed)

e. Waste Water (SH) – dept is dealing with issues relates to sewer contamination at both Watuppa Plantations and Countryview .

f. Zoning Board (MH) – board is clarifying process for accepting testimony on the Caprianato appeal

g. Grinnell’s Beach Improvement (MH) – committee presented final findings in a PowerPoint presentation to the Town Council, who unanimously approved the plan. RIDEM grant application is due in May which would be essential for funding the project. MW has filed a waiver of retroactivity for monies which would contribute to the in-kind match.

Item #3: Legacy Project Update

MR stated that the “standstill agreement” has expired, Town Council id not approve public TIF incentives that would be

necessary to make the project feasible. Legacy will need to go to the State for proposed tax revenue incentives. Amera and Blue Sphere renewable energy projects are both still looking to move into the Tiverton Industrial Park.

Item #5: LongPlex Update

SH stated that the closing is set for 3/28, sewer is still being worked out.

Item #6: StoneBridge Update

MR had productive meeting with Dave Fish of RIDOT on site. RIDOT will be meeting with the town on 3/18 to set next steps for moving ahead and fast-tracking amendments to value-engineered plan to fit within the original allotted \$2m. Hopefully work will begin Fall '16. EDC would ideally like to see transient slips for boaters worked into the plan for the pier.

Item #7: Meeting House Letter of Support Update

MW stated that no wedding were to be allowed after April until the sewer issues come into compliance, SH removed the motion to approve the letter of support, which will be tabled until April, SH to speak with Rosalind Weir to request her to follow town mandated guidelines. MW stated that the Meeting House has current issues to address including sewer, Nonquit reservoir remediation plan, parking and noise complaints. Existing septic is designed for 27 persons, wedding events host 140 persons. Trish Hilton spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission regarding the critical water situation in Four Corners which affects all the local business owners in that area.

Item #8: Twin River Update

Approval will be on the Nov ballot, supported by Governor Raimundo. The AdHoc committee formed by the Town Council has never formally met, and may not be viable. EDC recommends that a set percentage of \$3m annual tax revenue be set aside for capital improvements. EDC to support a study to forecast the financial outlook for the town.

Item #9: Creative Livable Communities Presentation Update

Currently dependent on budget funding and approval.

Item #10: Next Meeting to be held on 4/7 at 5:30pm at the library.

SH made a motion was made to adjourn at 7:40pm. All in favor. March meeting minutes drafted by MH and sent to all members for approval at 4/6 meeting.

Submitted By: Melissa Hutchinson

Date Approved: 04.07.2016