

North Smithfield Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2014

I. Call to Order at 18:00 by Lucien Benoit

II. Roll Call – Present: Lucien Benoit, Al Puccetti, Bob Nault, Roberto Barrera and Scott Lentz

III. New Business -

- Regarding RhodeMapRI and written response to Melanie Jewett Army, AICP, Supervising Planner, RI Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, or submitted at a hearing. All comments must be received before 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2014.
 - A review of the proposed plan ensued.
 - It was moved by Bob Nault, seconded by Bob Barrera, with all in favor that Scott Lentz would draft a letter of response/comments to the RhodeMap RI. Scott will request input from the individual members via e-mail in preparation for a meeting to finalize the letter on Oct. 27, 2014.
 - The highlights of proposed letter would be the several items; 1) growing populations in the rural areas versus the declining populations in the urban areas of RI should be reflected in the planned development of the state, 2) statewide infrastructure including the development of the RI road system is key to the economic development of the state overall and very important to the rural communities, 3) the concept of “social equity” is not applied equitably for economic development of the entire state.

VII. Adjournment -

Al Puccetti made a motion to adjourn the Economic Development Commission meeting at 19:00, seconded by Bob Nault with all in favor.