



Town of Warren, Rhode Island

Meeting of the Economic Development Board

Regular Meeting Notice

The Town of Warren, RI Economic Development Board will hold a Regular Meeting on **Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Warren's Town Hall, located at 514 Main Street. This meeting is a site visit. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) business hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda

1. John O'Brian representing Northeastern University's Economic Development Partnership to discuss Warren's Economic Development Assessment Tool

John O'Brian, representing Northeastern University's Economic Development Partnership, presented the process and findings of an assessment tool completed last year by the previous Town Planner.

2. Review of the Minutes of March 16, 2009 and March 23, 2009

3. Discussion of site visit to Main Street School and approval of site visit Minutes

Caroline Wells stated that the Minutes were not completed in time for the meeting and will be prepared for the next meeting.

4. Grant applications

- a. Preserve America Community- status & grants
- b. Certified Local Government- status & grants

The EDB discussed the two upcoming grants—the national Preserve America grant and the Preservation is Local grant. The EDB discussed pursuing status for the Certified Local Government (CLG) program through the State Historic Preservation Office. This designation would allow the Town to access a special pool of grant funds. Caroline Wells stated that the CLG would require a district zoning change, which will be enabled by the Comprehensive Plan and eventually the zoning update. Current CLGs include: Bristol, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, Glocester, Hopkinton, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Warwick.

5. Review of Work Plan / First Draft for FY2009-2010

Caroline handed out the draft (very draft) work plan and asked EDB Board members to take a critical look at what is written and whether the tasks listed can really be achieved in the next fiscal year. The Work Plan is a document based on the EDB's January 5th brainstorming meeting and members' work on the Comprehensive Plan. The Work Plan will be completed in June with implementation beginning July 1st. At the end of the FY 2009-2010, the EDB will submit a report detailing accomplishments and challenges from the Work Plan.

Minutes submitted by Caroline Wells, June 3, 2009

