



Town of Warren, Rhode Island

Minutes of the Economic Development Board

The Town of Warren, RI Economic Development Board met at a Regular Meeting on April 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Warren Town Hall (Senior Center). The presiding officer was Karen Dionne. Board members present were Sara Volino, Kathy Tucciarone, and Christine Lichatz. Spencer Morris, Mark Lombari, and Ben Terry were absent. Mo Clare was in attendance. Kristin MacDonald was present at the meeting to serve as Secretary to the EDB.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held March 25, 2014

The minutes from the regular meeting held on March 25, 2014 were reviewed by the board via email. A motion was made by Ms. Volino to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Ms. Lichatz, and all members were in favor.

2. Discussion on downtown spring cleaning efforts and business outreach

The EDB has received permission to display local artwork in several of the vacant Main Street storefronts. Paula Silva and Jill Culora have agreed to work directly with the artists to organize window displays. According to Mr. Clare, the Warren DPW will sweep Main and Water Streets and the Wednesday night before the Preservation Conference on Saturday, April 26th. The board discussed remaining funds for downtown improvement. Plans to use the funds include purchasing iron planters for downtown sidewalks and banners for Main Street using the original banner design. Caroline Wells will order the planter and banners with the available grant funds.

3. Election of EDB Chair and Co-chair

Ms. Dionne will serve a second term as EDB Chairperson and Mr. Lombari will serve as EDB co-chairperson.

4. Discussion of town budget and economic development issues 2014-2015.

The board discussed EDB issues pertaining to the town budget. Mr. Clare's position as Economic Development Coordinator has been cut from the town budget. Also, the board discussed the need for a code enforcement officer, but decided not to advocate for the position at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Dionne, the motion was seconded by Ms. Tucciarone, and all members were in favor.

The next meeting of the EDB is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin M. MacDonald
May 19, 2014

