



Town of Warren, Rhode Island

Minutes of the Economic Development Board

The Town of Warren, RI Economic Development Board met at a Special Meeting on January 13, 2015 6:00 p.m. at Warren Town Hall (Senior Center). The presiding officer was Karen Dionne. Board members present were Sara Volino, Kathy Tucciarone, Mark Lombardi, Ben Terry and Stephen Smith. Christine Lichatz was absent. Stephen Sypole was present at the meeting as a guest. Kristin MacDonald was present at the meeting to serve as Secretary to the EDB.

1. Discussion and Action on EDB budget request for fiscal year 2015-2016

Ms. Dionne has been researching several companies that design municipal websites. Currently, the town of Bristol is having their website updated by Civic Plus, a company that specializes in municipal websites. According to Ms. Dionne, Civic Plus will have a company representative at the upcoming RI League of Cities and Towns. Also, she noted that a representative from Civic Plus is willing to give a presentation in Warren at the end of the month. The board discussed the advantages of the increased functionality of an updated town website. This project would cost approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 and the payment could possibly be spread out over three years. Ms. Volino made a motion to request \$15,000-\$20,000 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to be used for a new municipal website; the motion was seconded by Ms. Tucciarone and all members were in favor. Ms. Dionne will pursue setting up a meeting at Town Hall with a representative from Civic Plus.

Ms. Dionne noted that Ms. Lichatz has officially resigned from the EDB.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin M. MacDonald
February 15, 2015

