

Town of Barrington
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2016

Members Present: Matthew Amaral, Robert Humm, Mark Etheridge, Jim Sanderson and Dick Wilbur. **Also present:** Town Council liaison Mike Carroll.
Absent: Joan Warren and Buddy Violet.

1. Call to Order at 7:06 PM.
2. Minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved unanimously with one typo noted and corrected.
3. Chair Rob Humm announced that the Town Council will address our proposed Food Truck Ordinance at its July 25 meeting. He plans to attend. The Town Solicitor has submitted remarks to the Town Council after having reviewed the draft ordinance. One item of concern that will need to be addressed is the proposed 800 foot set-back from any brick and mortar restaurant, a requirement that may not be practicable in some parts of town.
4. The Meeting next continued its discussions of the Town Signage regulations. Per our last meeting, in the last month EDC members canvassed a number of town businesses to obtain input on the current signage process and thoughts on the idea of a two-track process to simplify/speed up the process. Buddy had submitted his report via email as he was unable to attend the meeting. Other members then provided oral and written input based on their conversations with over thirty local businesses. Due to the looming deadline for a finalized report to the Town Council to support their own deliberations on the issue, a motion was made and passed unanimously to form a three-person sub-committee to aggregate the comments of the 30+ town businesses and develop recommendations on signage to the Town Council for review and approval at the August 18 EDC meeting. Rob Humm, Mark Etheridge and Dick Wilbur volunteered to serve on the sub-committee, which will meet the week of July 25. Dick Wilbur will serve as scribe for a draft report. The Committee will review and finalize the draft report on August 18 and submit it to the Town Council.
5. The Meeting next continued discussion of a proposed public business seminar to be organized by the EDC for Barrington businesses. Matt, Jim and Mark all posited that such an event would require a lot of planning and resources, and that it is probably premature to set a date yet without clarifying the scope and details of such an event. As well, all agreed that the Town ought to be in-

volved to assist/take the lead on organizing and to coordinate use of any resources. As Buddy initially proposed the idea, the Meeting felt it ought to table the discussion until he is able to participate in discussions.

6. Future Meetings through the end of 2016 remain as previously reported: August 18; September 15; October 20; November 17; and December 15.
7. Under Open Discussion, Rob reminded us that the EDC's official email address is live. However, we have yet to learn how to access any emails sent to that address.
8. The Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.