

**Town of Barrington**  
**Economic Development Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2016**

**Members Present:** Matthew Amaral, Mark Etheridge, Robert Humm, Jim Sanderson and Buddy Violet. **Absent:** Joan Warren and Dick Wilbur.

1. Call to Order at 7:07 PM.
2. Minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting were never circulated to the EDC, so Mr. Humm tabled this agenda item to the August 18, 2016 meeting.
3. Mr. Humm announced that the EDC's proposed Food Truck Ordinance is being reviewed by the Town Solicitor. The Town Council and the Solicitor have also referred the proposed Food Truck Ordinance to the Zoning Board.
4. The EDC's Sign Ordinance sub-committee (Dick Wilbur, Mark Etheridge, and Rob Humm) circulated a draft written report regarding the Sign Ordinance, to present to the Town Council, for discussion and action. Comments to the report included focusing on the fact that the current Sign Ordinance should be amended to shorten the time for businesses to obtain signage; that the Town should provide information regarding signage to businesses during the business opening/application process including information regarding signage; that the Town's communication process needs to improve; and that the Town should use technology to assist with the signage process, as well as for other town applications, documents and processes. In particular, the EDC believes a digital/technological solution would improve the overall signage process. After discussion concluded, Mr. Violet moved to approve the EDC's Sign Ordinance report, as amended, for submission to the Town Council, and Mr. Etheridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. There were no updates regarding a proposed seminar for businesses in Barrington and the East Bay.
6. Due to scheduling conflicts, the October EDC meeting will be changed to October 27, 2016. The remaining meetings through the end of 2016 remain as previously reported: September 15, November 17, and December 15.
7. Under Open Discussion, Mr. Amaral encouraged EDC members to attend the retirement party for Peter DeAngelis on September 21, 2016 at Rhode Island Country Club. Mr. Etheridge brought up that it is unfortunate that the Fiddle N' Folk fest at Haines Park on September 10, 2016 does not include a single business from Barrington participating in the event. Members also discussed reaching out to the Barrington Times to include information regarding the EDC.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.