

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
September 13, 2016

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Aman Singh, Commissioners: Kirk Carr, John Hussaini and Andrea Reu

Absent: John Allen, Mike Knudsen

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

A motion was made by K. Carr, seconded by A. Reu to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 2 in favor and 2 abstentions (A. Singh and J. Hussaini).

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Guests: None

Old Business:

Business Seminar September 29 status:

- The date for the Business Seminar has been moved to Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Town Hall Green Room
- Speakers were invited from Liberty Bank and Small Business Administration (SBA) for the September workshop and will be confirmed for the November workshop
- The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Selectmen are included and will have a vested interest
- The state and financial institutions are getting involved to help and support existing businesses with resources, financing and training
- Economic Development Commissioners will each take a few businesses to visit and invite to the November 15th workshop
- The handout was reviewed and some modifications/revisions were suggested
- The Chamber of Commerce will send out an e-mail blast for the November workshop
- The November workshop will be placed in the Harbor News
- An Economic Development Commission table should be set up at the workshop

Business Survey Status:

- A. Reu has completed the postcard
- D. Traynor still needs to provide the 5 survey questions for the Survey Monkey
- K. Carr has the list of businesses
- A. Singh will check with D. Traynor regarding the 5 questions

Cecil Group Report Distribution:

- The commission obtained ten copies of the Cecil Group Report/Plan printed
- These plans will be distributed to developers when interest in the property is shown
- A. Reu reported on a P&Z meeting scheduled for September 19th regarding the Marine District (discussing and receiving input from residents for a 10 year plan along the waterfront)

EDC Website and Mission Statement Draft Status:

- A. Reu will review the website and mission statement and recommend revisions

New Business:

- An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed, with John Allen as the EDC representative, to address possibilities for development of the west end of town
- Charter Revision Commission held a public hearing to discuss a Town Manager form of government
 - K. Carr prepared charts depicting costs per capita depending on the form of government
 - K. Carr wants to chart the tax side and measure value per form of government
- Bigger businesses should be encouraged to develop in Clinton
- Mill Pond's plans for an outlet mall, restaurants, hotel and housing was briefly reviewed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk