

## **Economic Improvement Commission Minutes**

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4530 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Frank Glista called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.
2. ROLL: Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Don Smith, Ron Russo, Betty Combs, Donna Walsh and Town Council Liaison, Tom Gentz. EIC members Janice Falcone and Craig Marr were unable to attend. Nancy Letendre, Principal Planner of Mason & Associates and the town's consultant for the Comprehensive Plan, was in attendance.
3. MINUTES: The minutes of December 11, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from by Don Smith and seconded by Ron Russo.

**The meeting was suspended to accommodate Nancy Letendre, the town's consultant for the comprehensive plan.**

### 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

(a) Friends of Ninigret - The committee elected Anne Mulhall as President and will hold quarterly meetings. The committee is planning an event for the fall of 2015.

### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Sign Ordinance/Review - No update. The commission will review after the work is complete on the comprehensive plan.

### 6. SPECIAL PROJECTS/ACTION ITEMS:

(a) Fire Station Memorial Park - No update since the last meeting.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Business Leaders Input - The commission will review the previous survey and update the questions and mission statement.

(b) Town Business Map - The chairman will meet again with Sun Graphics.

(c) Town Web Site/EIC Business Section - Ken Swain continues to improve the business section of the website and now has the commercial property for sale listings.

(d) Comprehensive Plan - The commission met with Nancy Letendre, consultant for the Comprehensive plan.

8. COMMUNICATIONS: Dave Monk, former Chair of the EIC passed away on December 18, 2014.

9. OPEN SESSION: None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS - Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, January 30, 2015 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.

12. ADJOURNMENT: At 11:47 AM on motion by Ron Russo, seconded by Donna Walsh.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith