

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4530 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Frank Glista called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.
2. **ROLL:** Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Don Smith, Janice Falcone and Ron Russo. Betty Combs was unavailable. Also present were Paula Andersen, Town Council liaison and Craig Marr, Vice President of the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 25, 2014 meeting was unanimously approved on a motion from Ron Russo and seconded by Janice Falcone.
4. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**
 - (a) Friends of Ninigret - Ron Russo reported that the contributions from the fundraising at the Rhythm & Roots Festival were very limited. He also reminded the commission about the town sponsored Pumpkin Walk and Trunk or Treat events.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Sign Ordinance/Review - The EIC will look to the results of a future business survey for direction before recommending any sign ordinance changes.
 - (b) Ninigret Master Plan - No update since last meeting.
 - (c) Marketing Strategy - No update since last meeting.
 - (d) Water Resources Board - No update since last meeting.
6. **SPECIAL PROJECTS/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - (a) Fire Station Memorial Park - No update since last meeting.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Business Leaders Input - 1999/2000 URI Business Survey - The Chairman will discuss the survey with the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce.
 - (b) Town Business Map - The chairman will work with the CCOC for additional funding.
 - (c) Town Web Site/EIC Business Section - The Chairman will meet with Ken Swain, Web Site Coordinator to discuss EIC wish list.
 - (d) Business License/Renewal - After review, the commission will not make any recommendations.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Ron Russo reported on the agreement with the Church of the Holy Spirit and the Church Woods affordable housing project.
9. **OPEN SESSION:** The commission discussed the HOP ARTS Festival and its success.
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS** - Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:50 AM on motion by Janice Falcone, seconded by Ron Russo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith