

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a special meeting on Friday, March 26, 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 9:04 AM.
2. **ROLL:** Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Don Smith, Ron Russo, Craig Marr, Betty Combs, Donna Walsh and Town Council Liaison, Tom Gentz. EIC member Janice Falcone was unable to attend.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the meetings of January 22 and January 30, 2015 were unanimously approved on a motion from Betty Combs and seconded by Ron Russo.
4. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**
 - (a) Friends of Ninigret - Ron Russo reported that the committee will meet quarterly. The committee is planning to showcase Ninigret Park with a day at the park scheduled for the fall.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Sign Ordinance/Review - The EIC will look to the results of the business survey for direction on this matter.
6. **SPECIAL PROJECTS/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - (a) Fire Station Memorial Park - No update from the Fire District.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Business Leaders Input - The commission reviewed the "Business Survey" questionnaire section. After review, Craig Marr made a motion to approve the revised questionnaire. Ron Russo Seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The commission then reworked the introductory statement and Ron Russo made a motion to approve that revision which was seconded by Donna Walsh. The motion passed unanimously.
 - (b) Town Business Map - The Chairman will follow up after the business survey is completed.
 - (c) Town Web Site/EIC Business Section - The Chairman will continue to work with the town on the site.
 - (d) Comprehensive Plan Element #7 - The commission will wait to review with the consultant.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None.
9. **OPEN SESSION:** None.
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS** - Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:13 AM on motion by Craig Marr, seconded by Betty Combs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith