

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, July 10, 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, Betty Combs and Ron Russo. Paula Andersen, Council liaison was present. EIC member Janice Falcone was absent.
3. **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes for the May 22, 2014 meeting was pended to the next EIC meeting.
4. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**
 - (a) Friends of Ninigret - Ron Russo reported that a meeting was scheduled for the evening of July 10.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Sign Ordinance/Review - The EIC will have a special meeting to continue the review.
 - (b) Ninigret Master Plan - The discussion centered on events and uses for the park.
 - (c) Marketing Strategy - Bike path. The Chairman reported that there was a possibility that an ad-hoc committee would be created to investigate and research the possibility of a bike path.
6. **SPECIAL PROJECTS/ACTION ITEMS**
 - (a) Fire Station Memorial Park - The commission continues to monitor the progress of this.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - (a) Business Leaders Input - 1999/2000 URI Business Survey - The commission will review the recommendations and evaluate the need to update the survey.
 - (b) Water Resources Board - The Water Resources Board of the State of RI made a presentation at a Town Council meeting regarding the potential purchase of land to be earmarked for future water use if and when it was needed for the town.
 - (c) Town Business Map - The commission will continue to investigate the details of producing a business map.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Commission discussed communications from RI Commerce.
9. **OPEN SESSION:** Member Ron Russo announced that he was running for Town Council.
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS** - Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, July 31, 2014 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:59 AM on motion by Ron Russo, seconded by Betty Combs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith