

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 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, Ron Russo, Donna Walsh, Craig Marr, Betty Combs and Janice Falcone. Town Council liaison, Tom Gentz was not able to attend. Dave Gilstein, owner Charlestown Art Gallery attended.
3. "CHARTS" ART STROLL - The EIC discussed the logistics surrounding "CHARTS" and developed a plan with action items. The commission will check on competing events on the dates suggested for the stroll; check for location where the artists can display their works; firm up the date for the event; determine what fee if any would be appropriate; contact local businesses to gage their sense of interest in sponsorship; contact the artists to determine availability.
4. ECO-TOURISM - The Chairman will speak to the Conservation Commission concerning the potential of Arnold White Cedar Swamp as a potential destination. The commission will review the SWOT survey from 2008 prepared by the late Dave Monk, former Chairman of the EIC.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.
6. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS - Set for 9:00 am Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
7. ADJOURNMENT: At 11:2 am on motion by Janice Falcone seconded by Betty Combs. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith