

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2106 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4530 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Betty Combs called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. ROLL: Present were Chair Betty Combs, Craig Marr, Donna Walsh, Dominic DellaVolpe, Don Smith and Town Council liaison Julie Carroccia. Janice Falcone was unable to attend.
3. MINUTES FROM MEETING OF October 27, 2016 – The minutes from October 27th were approved unanimously on a motion from Craig Marr, seconded by Donna Walsh.
4. DISCUSSION OF AVAIABLE BUDGET FUNDS – The budget and potential expenses for the EIC activities were discussed. The EIC will list the accomplishments to accompany the budget submission.
5. JANE WIEDMAN – TOWN PLANNER – GUEST SPEAKER – Jane presented the timetable for the comprehensive town plan and asked the EIC to send comments on the plan to her as soon as possible. Craig Marr motioned that the Commissioners review the plan and send their comments to Don Smith to compile and forward to Jane in a single package for her review. Donna Walsh seconded the motion and all were in favor.
6. PLANS FOR THE LOCAL BUSINESS FORUM – The commission reconfirmed that the date selected for the Local Business Forum, January 24, 2017, (snow date January 31, 2017) from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM at the Breachway Grill, was the best and the timing would work. The timeline and agenda were reviewed. The agenda will be set at the December meeting. Donna Walsh has contacted Elizabeth Tanner of the RI Commerce Corp and she plans to attend the December meeting. Other potential presenters for the Forum including the results from the most recent survey, were suggested.
8. PUBLIC COMMENT: No report.
9. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS - Set for 9:00 am Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room. Elizabeth Tanner will be contacted to present.
10. ADJOURNMENT: At 10:29 am on motion by Craig Marr seconded by Donna Walsh. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Smith, Secretary