

## **Economic Improvement Commission Minutes**

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, November 20, 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 9:03 AM.
2. **ROLL:** Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Don Smith, Janice Falcone, Betty Combs and Craig Marr. Ron Russo was unable to attend.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Janice Falcone and seconded by Betty Combs.
4. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**
  - (a) Friends of Ninigret - No update from last meeting.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - (a) Sign Ordinance/Review - The EIC will place this in abeyance until the commission's work on the town's comprehensive is complete.
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 commission will develop a mission statement to guide the review and recommend relevant questions and strategies for an updated survey.
  - (b) Town Business Map - The chairman will meet with the Westerly Sun's graphic designer to get pricing information on map development.
  - (c) Town Web Site/EIC Business Section - Ken Swain has made great progress on the town's website and will make a presentation to the commission on the upgrades after the first of the year.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** The chairman presented an overview of the Rhode Map RI program.
9. **OPEN SESSION:** The commission discussed the HOP ARTS Festival and the potential of doing a similar event in Charlestown.
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS** - Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 11:05 AM on motion by Janice Falcone, seconded by Craig Marr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith