

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, December 11, 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 9:06 AM.
2. **ROLL:** Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Don Smith, Ron Russo, Betty Combs and Craig Marr. EIC member Janice Falcone was unable to attend. Rep. Donna Walsh also attended.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of November 20, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from by Betty Combs and seconded by Craig Marr.
4. **Reports of Committees -** (a) Friends of Ninigret – No update from the last meeting.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Sign Ordinance/Review - No update. The commission review at a later date.
6. **SPECIAL PROJECTS/ACTION ITEMS**
 - (a) Fire Station Memorial Park— No update since the last meeting
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - (a) Business Leaders Input - The commission will combine all the statements and prepare to review prior to the next meeting. The commission agreed to review the previous survey and update the questions.
 - (b) Town Business Map - The chairman presented the proposals for the towns business map. Betty Combs motioned that we continue to develop and design the map with Sun Graphics. Craig Marr seconded the motion and the commission agreed unanimously.
 - (c) Town Web Site/EIC Business Section - The commission continues to work with Ken Swain on the business section of the website.
 - (d) Comprehensive Plan - The commission agreed to review section 7 Economic Development, for the next meeting.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS:** The chairman had contacted Rep. Donna Walsh after the 2014 election and requested that she consider becoming a member of the EIC. She agreed to submit an application.
9. **OPEN SESSION:** Ron Russo reported on the progress of the agreement on the well at the Church of the Holy Spirit and the Church Woods Affordable housing project.
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS -** Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 11:05 AM on motion by Craig Marr, seconded by Betty Combs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith