

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4530 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Craig Marr called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. **ROLL:** Present were Chair Craig Marr, Town Council Liaison Julie Carroccia, Victoria Wicks, Lorna Persson and Don Smith. Dominic DellaVolpe and Donna Walsh were unable to attend.
3. **MINUTES FROM MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2018** - The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **BUSINESS MAP UPDATE:** Mr. Marr presented the updated business amp for review. The commission will review for accuracy and compile a list of changes and corrections for the next meeting in March. The commission approved 10,000 maps to be printed.
5. **TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Town Planner, Jane Weidman was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.
6. **BUSINESS FORUM:** The commission discussed several ideas for the Business Forum agenda. It was agreed that the agenda for this Business Forum should recognize the nature of our town and its assets as they lend themselves to business opportunities. The commission will contact individuals who represent properties and facilities within the town that would be able to present an overview of their entity and permissible uses. These will be updated at the March meeting.
7. **VACANCIES:** The Commission is seeking new members and contacts have been made. There is one application in the pipeline.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Marr advised that the Breachway Grill would be hosting a reception for the residents of the new Churchwood development at 4:00 pm this afternoon.
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS** - Set for 9:00 am Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Town Hall. Agenda items will include discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary, plans for a 2018 Business Forum, an update on the Business Map, and recommendations for candidates to fill vacancies on the EIC.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn at 10:37 am from Vicki Wicks, seconded by Lorna Perrson.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Smith
Secretary

APPROVED April 26, 2018