

Economic Improvement Commission Minutes

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, February 4, 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 9:04 am.
2. ROLL: Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Ron Russo, Donna Walsh, Craig Marr, Betty Combs and Janice Falcone. Commission member Don Smith and Town Council liaison, Tom Gentz were unable to attend.
3. "CHARTS" ART STROLL - The EIC reviewed artists responses, provide by members, to help the commission determine date, time, location etc. Members will check with chosen venues and will secure a certificate if liability insurance from each.
4. ECO-TOURISM - The Chairman spoke to the Conservation Commission concerning the potential of joint effort between the commissions. The Conservation Commission had numerous concerns;
 - Would we get town support?
 - No council liaison.
 - The town should allow staff to secure grant funding for future projects.
 - Need for volunteers to help clear trails.
 - The Commission members expressed interest in further discussion with the EIC.

It was also suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission join in on the discussion to allow for a joint commission committee to move foward. A motion was made by Betty Combs and seconded by Craig Marr. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS - Set for 9:00 am Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.

7. ADJOURNMENT: At 10:35 am on motion by Donna Walsh seconded by Janice Falcone. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Frank Glista