

## **Economic Improvement Commission Minutes**

The Economic Improvement Commission (EIC) held a meeting on Thursday, July 31, 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 9:05 AM.
2. ROLL: Present were Chairman Frank Glista, Don Smith, Betty Combs, Janice Falcone and Ron Russo.
3. MINUTES: The minutes of April 10, 2014 and May 15, 2014 meetings were unanimously approved on a motion from Janice Falcone and seconded by Ron Russo. The minutes of the May 22, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as amended on a motion from by Ron Russo and seconded by Betty Combs. The minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from by Betty Combs and seconded by Ron Russo.
4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
  - (a) Friends of Ninigret - Ron Russo reported that a meeting was held on July 10 and a new Chairman will be named on August 3, 2014. Fund raising will be held at the Rhythm & Roots Festival and a recommendation to remind residents about donations could be included in the Pipeline.
5. OLD BUSINESS:
  - (a) Sign Ordinance/Review - The EIC will set the date in the August 2014 meeting to continue the review.
  - (b) Ninigret Master Plan - The discussion centered on events and capacity of the park for events.
  - (c) Marketing Strategy/Bike Path - The Council did approve an ad hoc committee to investigate and research the potential for a bike path in town. Anyone can join the committee by going to the Town Clerk and completing an application.
6. SPECIAL PROJECTS/ACTION ITEMS:
  - (a) Fire Station Memorial Park - The commission continues to monitor the progress of this.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
  - (a) Business Leaders Input - 1999/2000 URI Business Survey - The commission continued its review of the survey and developed additional strategies for implementation.
  - (b) Water Resources Board - The Water Resources Board, of the State of RI, made a presentation at the June 9, 2014 Town Council meeting regarding the potential purchase of land to be earmarked for future water use if and when needed for the town.
  - (c) Town Business Map - The chairman has made a contact and is waiting for proposals.
- 8 COMMUNICATIONS: None.
9. OPEN SESSION: None
10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
11. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGENDA ITEMS - Set for 9:00 AM Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Town Hall Planning Dept. Annex Room.
12. ADJOURNMENT: At 10:59 AM on motion by Ron Russo, seconded by Betty Combs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Don Smith