

Town of Scituate, Massachusetts

## **Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:00 PM WPA Building, 7 Henry Turner Baily Road

## Members attending:

Ann Burbine (Chairperson); Colin McNiece (Vice Chairperson); Nolan Kelly (Secretary); Sue DiPesa; Geena Bournazian

## **Guests:**

Ted Brovitz (consultant); Brad Washburn; Linda Ferguson

- ✓ EDC FY19 Budget and Work Plan
  - o Confirmed FY19 budget matches FY18 (\$49,000)
    - Discussed EDC ambitions will not align with budget, but that there are ways to get creative with grant funding (tourism, coastal and environmental, etc.).
    - Discussed Grant Application submitted by Ted Brovitz \$15,000 for technical support for existing businesses in Scituate Harbor. Uncertain on evaluation process or timing for award.
- ✓ Infrastructure Updates
  - Continued discussion on sewage capacity and water availability concerns for Town of Scituate
  - o 1/10/18 mtg at 2p re: Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
    - 3 towns will be represented
    - Hull has capacity and will most likely be leader of initiative
    - EDC (Chairperson or Brad) will look to attend meeting and report back to EDC
- ✓ Heritage Days
  - o Discussion led by Linda Ferguson (Chamber of Commerce)
  - o 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heritage Days
  - The event costs over \$75,000 annually to operate, but Chamber of Commerce loses between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually in the process
    - Current model is not sustainable much longer
    - Most profitable weekend in harbor, but there is recognition and appreciation that funding must benefit the full town
  - Chamber of Commerce seeks financial support from EDC FY19 budget

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- Discussion re: full benefits of town, branding opportunities, and more.
  No decision made, will regroup for discussion at future EDC meeting.
- ✓ Greenbush Stakeholder Workshop
  - o Discussed update on 1/10/18 event at Untold Brewery
    - Agenda Brad/Anne to manage introduction; Ted to speak; Brewery Owner may speak about local business; Drew Company intends to be present
    - Goal open forum for business, zoning, and infrastructure discussion for the public at large
- ✓ Voted to approve \$500 zoning planning contract for Brovitz Consulting on bylaw updates
- ✓ Meeting adjourned.