

Economic Development Commission – Meeting Notes 2/12/2018

Attendees: Anne (chair), Sue, Paul, Geena, Brendan, Colin

Guest: Brad Washburn (Planning Director), Ted Brovitz (EDC consultant) and Robert Dwyer (resident)

EDC Funding Priorities

- Boat Show → typically EDC provides funding (\$1500 last year) but the Boat show is over and no money was requested for this year
- 50th Anniversary Heritage Days → table for now; have the coordinators come back to our EDC meeting to discuss funding opportunities
- St. Patrick's Day Parade → not providing funding this year; new organizer

Greenbush Area Planning Update

- 52 Driftway and 56 Driftway recently sold, each for \$3 million
- What is happening with Auto lot?
- Medical Building sale is pending – when it is rezoned into a business district will it change potential buyers' proposed plans for the property?
 - Public Hearing February 22
- Greenbush Driftway Stakeholder Workshop Review
 - About 12-15 people attended; generally positive feedback
 - Want to schedule another meeting for late March or April

Infrastructure and Grant Funding Update

- Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Grant for the Harbor
- Issue on Cole Parkway with parking; some of the older condos have no parking spaces and residents are losing their cars due to flooding in the public parking areas
 - Should the town create a resident permit system for residents in those condos? How far would it extend?
 - Potential revenue stream
 - Would changing the signs to allow overnight parking have the same effect?

Old/New Business

- Sewer as the predicate to all construction and development in Scituate
 - Current delays in development in Greenbush because of infrastructure issues; seen as a potential problem for future development in all areas of Scituate
- Public perception of development in Scituate needs to change
 - Website updates/social media
 - Mariner article
 - Transparency with future developers
- Master plan
 - Creating a sustainable community index with MAPC. MAPC has a large statistical database for community growth. Good resource for technical assistance
- Working on a feasibility study that will be released in February for the proposed Regional Waste Water Treatment plant with Cohasset and Hull
 - Next step is a Comprehensive Waste Water Management plan

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