

Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Committee Chair: Susan DiPesa

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The mission of the Economic Development Commission is to enhance the existing business community, attract new business, attract new customers, and encourage redevelopment and new development as may be advisable in order to increase the Town's property tax revenues, income, job base, and overall economic health.

Date: May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Scituate Town Library

Attendees: Sue DiPesa (chair), Susanne Hofmeister (co-chair), Paul Bartkiewicz, Geena Savage, Matt Nelson

Members of the public: Karen Canfield (Select Board), Freya Schlegel (Water Resource), Lynda Ferguson (Advisory Board), Matt Elder (Greenbush), Kyle Boyd (Town Planner), Ray Voelker (Irish Heritage Trail), Amy Linnel (North Scituate Business Association)

Minutes of Last Meeting: Meeting Minutes for March 2022 approval was motioned by Paul, second by Matt and approved after roll call. All in favor.

• **Call to Order:** Sue DiPesa called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Agenda:

Old/New Business:

- Call to Order
- Approve the EDC's meeting minutes - March 2022
- Review, approve and sign pending bills - Review approved bills under the Municipal Modernization Act

Chairperson Report: Sue DiPesa

Select Board Liaison: Karen Canfield

Director of Planning Board: Kyle Boyd

Committee reports:

- Chamber of Commerce - Jeff De Lisi
- Sister City - Ray Voelker
- SHARC - Paul B.
- Scituate Visitor Center - Fran
- Widows Walk - Jack M
- Advisory - Lynda Ferguson

Discussion: Business District Reports:

- North Scituate - Amy Linnel
- Friends of North Scituate- Susi
- Greenbush - Matt Elder
- Scituate Harbor Business Association - Sara Di Pesa

Discussion: Scituate Chamber of Commerce - Jeff DeLisi

Other Business:

Chairperson Report- Sue DiPesa: The new budget for the fiscal year July 2022/June 2023 is \$40,000. Most of this year's budget was used to finance a new video of the town of Scituate, which will air at the end of May nationally, together with an email blast of 1 Million emails. This effort should boost Scituate visitor numbers and business.

Director of Planning Board - Kyle Boyd: Kyle gives an overview of projects he is working on. The North Scituate Train Canopy bid was awarded. The RFP for design work on Pier 44 (SHARC) is in progress. Work on updating the town's website is ongoing. An enhanced harbor walk vision is planned. They are working on modeling sewer for the whole town of Scituate.

Karen Canfield: Sewer update: Cohasset, Scituate and Hull signed the agreement letter to do a regional sewer project together. No details, no dates, just an overall agreement. In this agreement, Cohasset will come down South Main Street, Scituate picks it up and goes through North Scituate Village and back on Border Street to Cohasset. If North Scituate Village gets sewer, it will be developed. Harvey Gates signaled, that he would rebuild his properties and would offer two affordable units to town employees.

Scituate can't afford to wait for Cohasset to start with the regional sewer project and will work on plan b and and c in the meantime. Plan b is straightening up INI (Influx and Infiltration) and with the new water treatment plant, Scituate will save 30,000 gallons a day of sludge water going to the sewer treatment plant. Plan c is to connect NSV to our own sewer treatment plant.

Old Jamies Pub site: A new fence was put up at the Old Jamies Pub site. Karen will find out, who paid for it.

Porta Potties maybe needed for the harbor and the North Scituate Playground. The Friends of NSV will look into this and provide quotes.

Sister City- Ray Voelker: Ray gives a short overview of the Irish Heritage Trail. 9 towns are involved and they created a brand new website, which went online on St. Patrick's Day. There will be a grand opening on May 22nd at the harbor band stand at 1 pm. Bells in all nine towns will ring for 9 minutes, representing the 9 towns on the Irish Heritage trail. Lawson Tower will play Irish folks song for these 9 minutes. Later that day, there will be a dinner at the Barker's Tavern. See Plymouth awarded \$92,000 to the Irish Heritage Trail. \$70,000 will be used for advertisement in New England, Canada and Ireland. \$5,000 will be used for signage in town. There was a 10th anniversary celebration of the sister city Sucy-en-Brie and the harbor was decorated with French flags. A Cape Verde sister city is coming soon.

SHARC-Paul: The RFP for design work was posted today. Patrice May and Paul will help collection process of consultants and public outreach to property owners, business owners, and to connect with other department in town: water ways, recreation, disability, etc.

Scituate Visitor Center - Sue: The SVC wait for the town's video to come out and for the 1 million email blast. It will need an intern to answer all those emails. The SVC is also looking for new board members with experience in marketing and fundraising.

North Scituate Village - Amy: The North Scituate Village Business Association had a meeting and they discussed the need for a port potty at the playground in North Scituate. They also want to put a wooden stand (kiosk) in the playground. This stand should feature a map of North Scituate Village and a Community bulletin board. The town of Scituate has a wooden kiosk, which should have been installed in the harbor, but was defeated by the condominium owners in the harbor. Chick Fagan should have this kiosk in storage and Sue will try to find it. The mural

next to the post office in North Scituate will be extended, covering the while wall. In the month of June, North Scituate will have a sale event, 10% off hair cuts, etc. Fall for Scituate will take place on October 23rd 2022 from 12-4 pm. Amy will move both her ABC locations to one location on Bound Brook. Bound Brook was sold and the new owner is revamping the space.

Widow's Walk - No opening date for restaurant yet.

Friends of NSV: The Friends were busy on Ship Shape Day and they were very happy with the turn out. A lot of Scituate residents were on the streets and cleaning up their neighborhood.

Beach Commission: Announced weekly clean up of beaches during the summer time.

Beach Nourishment: The town of Scituate got a \$2 Million grant for beach nourishment at Minot Beach, but has to match this amount. CPC is not supportive.

Greenbush-Matt Elder: Construction is going up. Oro had spring food festival. Shelly from BirchBarn is planning a fall event in Greenbush.

Next EDC meeting: June 20th, 2022

Adjournment 7:39 pm

Respectfully submitted: Susanne Hofmeister 06/10/2022

Approved: 6/27/22