

Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes - May 22nd, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Committee Chair: Susan DiPesa

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 22nd, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Scituate Town Library

Attendees: Sue DiPesa (chair), Susanne Hofmeister (co-chair), Geena Savage, Susan Daileader

Members of the public: Amy Linnel (NBA), Lynda Ferguson (Advisory)

Call to Order: Sue DiPesa called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Approve meeting minutes from April 2023. Susi made motion, was second and Geena abstained, because she did not attend the April meeting. Minutes were approved.

Agenda:

Old/New Business:

- Call to Order
- Approve Minutes April 2023
- Review, approve and sign pending bills – Review approved bills under the Municipal Modernization Act

Chairperson Report: Sue Di Pesa

Select Board: Karen Canfield

Committee reports:

- SHARC - Paul B.
- Waterways - Howie Kreutzberg
- Chamber of Commerce - Susan Fiore
- Celebrate Scituate - Sue Di Pesa
- Scituate Visitors Center – Fran McMillen

Discussion: Business District Reports

- North Scituate – Amy Linnel
 - Request of funding for Kiosk
- Friends of North Scituate – Susi Hofmeister
- Greenbush – Matt Elder

Next Meeting: June 12, 2023.

Chairperson Report - Sue DiPesa:

Ship Shape Day was busy and the Celebration at Greenbush was a great success. While discussing the great work of the Beautification Commission, an idea came up, to produce a list of hardy and drought resistant plants and to include this list in the coupon to buy plants for the planters by the local businesses. Shelley from BirchBarn Design will be our new liaison for Greenbush. Karen Canfield is unable to make it tonight and so is Paul B. and Fran McMillen. The Cole Parkway project is delayed, because the drone footage is delayed. It is planned to get somebody to the next EDC meeting on June 12th to give us an update on the Cole Parkway Committee. We will also ask Karen to give an update on the sewer project in North Scituate.

Committee Report:

- *SHARC*:- The SHARC is waiting for the funds to become available on July 1st.
- *Celebrate Scituate* - Sue Di Pesa: Celebrate Scituate brought together Untold Brewery and the Beautification Commission to have an event together on Ship Shape Day. At the event, they sold reusable bags, made from their grain bags. They are still available for purchase at UB.
- *North Scituate Village* - Amy L.: The NBA had a meeting and they decided that they won't have a big event in June, but rather have small individual events, where merchants can hop on, if they want to. Such events include Danielle Keefe (Pretty Bar) event on June 10th and Jeff Ange (the ceramic guy) event on June 17th. Board 143 had their Spring Event and celebrated their 3rd Anniversary. They still reconstruct the former Marylou's space and are planning to open a coffee shop their, while also completely reconstruct their shop. The NBA is looking for funds for a kiosk to place in the playground in NSV. They are looking at designs right now and the kiosk will cost between \$1500 and \$2000.
 - Geena makes a motion to earmark \$2000 for a kiosk in North Scituate, plus an installation fee. Susi seconds it and all are in favor. \$2000 and an installation fee will be earmarked for a kiosk in NSV. Amy will have more details at our next meeting.
- *Friends of NSV* - Susi H.: The Friends are working together with the Beautification Commission to clean up the space between the train canopy and the railroad fence. We got a quote from landscapers, and are in discussion with the MBTA to get the okay for the clean up. We are also working on ordering benches and tables and light fixtures, so the order can go out, as soon as the funds become available on July 1st.

Lynda Ferguson informs the EDC that the Scituate App is due for renewal and she also asks for help to keep the app updated. The Scituate Visitor Center is planning to give more work to Sperling (website provider) and they will look into this.

Other Business:

Next EDC meeting: June 12th, 2023

Adjournment 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted: Susanne Hofmeister 06/08/2023

Approved: 6/12/23