

Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes - July 18, 2022 @ 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: July 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Scituate Town Library

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

Members of the public: Matt Elder (Greenbush), Amy Linnel (North Scituate Business Association)

Minutes of Last Meeting: Will be approved at next meeting.

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

Agenda:

Old/New Business:

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

Chairperson Report: Sue DiPesa

Select Board Liaison: Karen Canfield

Committee reports:

- Chamber of Commerce - TBD
- Sister City - Ray Voelker
 - Funding Request
- SHARC - Paul B.
- Scituate Visitor Center - Fran McMillen
 - Funding Request
- Advisory - Lynda Ferguson

Discussion: Business District Reports:

- North Scituate - Amy Linnel
- Greenbush - Matt Elder
- Scituate Harbor Business Association - TBD
- Friends of North Scituate- Susi

Other Business:

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Chairperson Report- Sue DiPesa: Sue DiPesa welcomes two new members of the Economic Development Commission: Susan Daileader and Paul Maduri. Susan will be sworn in tomorrow and is not allowed to vote today. The terms for Matt Nelson and Jack McInnis ended and they left the EDC. Sue explains to the new members that our new budget for the fiscal year July 2022/June 2023 is \$40,000. Most of last year's budget was used to finance a new video of the town of Scituate, which aired at the end of May nationally, together with an email blast of 1 Million emails. This effort should boost Scituate visitor numbers and business. We got an intern, who will help us with answering those emails and who will do updates on the town's website. Sadly, our town planner Kyle Boyd resigned and EDC and the select board is working together to redefine the position of the town planner, before hiring a new one. Because of the time of year and vacation time, we have only a few people attending tonight's meeting. Therefore, we will postpone most items on the agenda, which includes voting on funding for the chamber of commerce and the Scituate Visitors Center, and also demanding a presentation from these organizations at the next EDC meeting to get funding.

North Scituate Village - Amy: Amy reports that a new Porta potty is installed in the parking lot next to the North Scituate playground. It will be cleaned three times a week and the EDC pays for this Porta potty. She also talks about complaints about weeds and trash in North Scituate from businesses in North Scituate Village. The North Scituate Business Association is planning on writing letters to the town about this situation and the EDC agrees to write a letter in support.

SSHARC-Sue: The Commission got 8 bids from design companies and they chose 3 bids and SHARC will have meetings with those three companies in the next week to choose a design for the new park at Pier 44.

Sister Cities/Irish Heritage Trail: Hingham did a two hour walking tour of all Irish landmarks in town last Saturday and is planning another walking tour this Saturday. Each of the eight towns of the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail gave \$1000.00 to the Irish Heritage Trail.

Vote for funding of \$1000.00 for South Shore Irish Heritage Trail: Geena Savage made a motion to approve funding of \$1000.00 to give to South Shore Irish Heritage Trail, and Susi Hofmeister seconds it. All are in favor and the funding of \$1000.00 is approved.

Greenbush-Matt Elder: New gas station in Greenbush is almost done. Untold Brewing is opening a second location next to Talbots in Derby Street Shoppes, Hingham. They already have a pop up beer garden next to REI during this summer.

Scituate Visitor Center - Sue: The SVC is also looking for new board members with experience in marketing and fundraising. They will have a tent at Heritage Days to be more visible and get the word out about the See Scituate App for mobile phones, the Scituate Visitors Center website www.scituatevisitorscenter.com and they will also represent the Irish Heritage Trail and the Scituate Historical Society.

Voting on approving to pay the invoice of \$1,250.00 from Ocean Design for work done for SVC: Paul Maduri makes a motion to approve the invoice of \$1,250.00 from Ocean Design, Geena Savage seconds it, all are in favor. The invoice of \$1,250.00 for Ocean design is approved.

Friends of NSV: The Friends will have a meeting with Kneeland Construction and the town about the finishing of the ceiling of the Train Canopy Project in North Scituate Village. The Friends will also have a board meeting to discuss actions to get North Scituate Village cleaned up.

All voting on funding requests are postponed until the next meeting in August.

Next EDC meeting: August 15th, 2022

Adjournment 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted: Susanne Hofmeister 08/08/2022

Approved August 15, 2022