

## **Economic Development Commission – Meeting Notes 2/25/2019**

Attendees: Ann Burbine, Paul Bartkiewicz, Geena Savage, Robert Dwyer

Guest: Fran Mcmillen (member of Harbor Business Association Board), Miriam Brown Wall, and Jennifer Kuhn

### Old/New Business

- Fran – Boat Show had a great attendance, approximately 51,000 people. Happy to see the Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and other town officials attend.
  - Fran would like to draft a letter to the Board of Selectman, discussing the EDC's financial support of the Boat Show.
- Wayfinding Program
  - Ted is looking into permits for placement of signs on 3A
  - Paul, Brad, and Ted working together with previously approved signage

### Liason Reports

- **Greenbush/Driftway – Geena Savage**
  - Update on Widows Walk Golf Course Committee
    - Focus on updates to the club house – going to seek out Northeastern students to provide architectural renderings
    - Discuss quotes for landscaping and frontage
    - Request ideas for new outings and/or competitions?
      - Fran suggested -- Boaters – come in every Wednesday during the summer to golf
      - RJ suggested -- Locals themed event
  - Scituate Pet Spa – planning to open April 1
    - Discussed occupancy permits and implications with sewer in the area
  - St. Patrick's Day Parade
    - Discussed local businesses sponsoring a float
  - Planning Board Updates – Greenbush
    - Greenbush Zoning Initiative (Ann)
      - Planning Board Meeting Thursday, February 28 @ 8 PM
        - Presentation by Brad Washburn and Ted Brovitz
    - Proposal submitted to Planning Board by Chick Fagan (Ann)
      - Proposal for property next to the Brewery
    - Drew Company to go before the Board April 25, 2019
      - Planning Board recommended Design Review Committee
- **Harbor – Robert Dwyer**
  - Harbor Cultural District
    - No new update – next meeting is tomorrow 2/26
  - Sister City – West Cork, Ireland
    - Co-hosting Cornbeef Dinner for St. Patrick's Day; \$50 per person, at the Tinker's Son in Norwell.
      - Used as a fundraising opportunity
    - Will be having a float in the parade

- Foreign Film Series – co-hosted with Sucy-en-Brie Sister City Committee
    - Hosted at the Paris Center at St. Mary's Church
- Harbor Business Association
  - Now meeting bi-monthly; no update
  - Fran circulated a survey to the Harbor Business Association to gain more information about Heritage Days. Will have results at next meeting.
- Mullaney's Fish Market – official shut down and gutted for the renovations to rebuild and reconstruct
  - Expects 6-8 months for construction
- Fran Update on Boat Show
  - A lot of interest in Scituate (51,000 people)– 30 foot booth
  - Goal is to bring more people to the town by boat this year
- Sam's on the Harbor – under new ownership and changing to "Mike's on the Harbor"
  - EDC members that have attended since new owner say the food is great, and it is very busy
  - Potential for early dinner menu being offered
  - Discussed competition rules in the Harbor
- Discussed keeping businesses open later in the Harbor
- **North Scituate – Ann**
  - Need more foot traffic in North Scituate Village; discussed concerns over more businesses leaving or not reopening after the winter season
    - Entry way into the town on that side – need to revitalize
    - The train lots are filled – how do we keep the people here?
  - Discussion with Building Inspector about cleaning up the lot where Jaimie's stood; has not improved since the fire
  - New and developing business is predicated on sewer
    - Discussed Greenbush vs. North Scituate sewer and court order
    - Regional Sewer Meeting – hosted by Cohasset Selectman 2/27/2019
      - Paul and Ann attended the last meeting, where the high levels of nitrogen leaking into the ocean were discussed. Regional Sewer Initiative as a proposed solution
        - Issues with DEP and EPA
      - Town Administrator also looking into scaled down alternatives for sewer in North Scituate
    - Discussed the need for more public outreach on the Regional Sewer initiative; too much misinformation – need to clarify
    - Proposed sewer line on Main Street and/or 3A
      - Discussed traffic issues on 3A
      - 3A line would be from Henry Turner Bailey Road, down to the train lot in Cohasset
      - Projected timeframe with state projects is 10-20 years
  - Discussion with the public – the town's inaction in North Scituate
    - Focus on property owners > business owners in the Village
    - Need for consideration of alternative sewer options

- Need to clean up sidewalks, crosswalks, and surrounding properties; at least line painting
- Suggestion for using cultural district grant funding

#### Other Meetings

- Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 7 PM – Regional Sewer Initiative Meeting at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier Street, Cohasset.
- Thursday, February 28, 2019 @ 8 PM – Greenbush-Driftway Zoning Initiative in front of Planning Board

#### FY 2019 Budget

- **Approved** \$2390.00 to Brovitz Consulting to pay invoice.

Date Approved: May 20, 2019