

**Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes - November 22, 2021 @ 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:** November 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Attendees:** Sue DiPesa (chair), Susanne Hofmeister (co-chair), Paul Bartkiewicz, Jack McInnis, Fran McMillen, Matt Nelson

**Members of the public:** Amy Linnell (Liaison NSV), Susan Fiore (SCC), Matt Elder (Liaison Greenbush), Seth Pfeiffer (SciTV), Kyle Boyd (Director of Planning and Development), Mary Anne Palleiko (Beautification Commission)

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2021 approved: Paul made minor comments on his report in the minutes and with those edits, moves the minutes for approval. Jack seconds it, all in favor (after roll call).

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

Agenda:

Old/New Business:

- Call to Order
- Approve the EDC's meeting minutes - October 2021
- Review, approve and sign pending bills - Review approved bills under the Municipal Modernization Act

Chairperson Report: Sue DiPesa

Director of Planning Board: Kyle Boyd

Town Update: TBD

Committee reports:

- SHARC - Paul B.
- Widows Walk - Jack M
- Sister City - Geena S

Discussion: Business District Reports:

- North Scituate - Amy/Caitlin
- Scituate Harbor - Fran
- Greenbush - Matt Elder
- Friends of North Scituate - Susi/Kate
- Scituate Chamber of Commerce - TBD

Other Business:

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Director of Planning Board - Kyle Boyd: The town is admitting an application to CPC for funding of Minot Beach nourishment. The state reached out to the town with grants, which would support beach nourishment, but only if the town comes up with matching funding. The town applied some 6 years ago for this grant, but was denied. Now, the town needs \$2 Million in matching funds to receive up to \$8 Million for the nourishment of Minot Beach. This would mean, sand would be carried out to the existing beach, to keep the sea water from splashing and eating away at the sea wall at every high tide, which is the case for years now, after Minot suffered significant beach erosion. This is an already permitted and approved project. It just lacked the funding.

The town received an additional \$200,000 for a new design of the Cole Parkway in the harbor. The town will work with a consultant to come up with a concept for uplifting Cole Parkway and a more park friendly design. This will be happening in the next year.

The town put together an RFP for the North Scituate Train Canopy project. Susi gave all the important information for this, but because of the need to update the wages, the town requested wage information from the state, and the response took longer than anticipated. As soon as this information comes in, the RFP will be posted on the town's website.

After the town get these things done, Kyle will work on the Pier 44 project with Paul together. On January 4th, 2022, the town will give a presentation at the library community room about all the recommendations which resulted out of the new plans, including the Coastal Management Plan, the Master Plan. The overall scope of work, which will be required along the coast of Scituate will be presented.

**Chairperson Report:** A good initiative for EDC would be to collaborate with the chamber of commerce to work on a campaign to bring business to Scituate. Updating the town's information on regulations and how to do business here. Get funding for the campaign and get the billboard back on 3A. Susan Fiore talked to Patrick Kearney about this already. The chamber of commerce has a meeting on November 23, to discuss this project and campaign. We could use Dedham as an example. They have a resource library on their town website for new business.

#### Committee reports:

- SHARC - Paul: Kyle is in the lead for funding the pre-construction activity. The MBTA had allocated funding for construction purposes of this parcel. The town put in the request to use this money for design, too. To speed up the project, maybe the town could fund the \$3-5 thousand and then could be refunded.
- Widows Walk: Club house renovation should be done. No update for the restaurant. If the clubhouse is not open year round, approach some of the caterers. Still debating if restaurant should be open year round.

#### Discussion Business District Reports:

**North Scituate- Amy:** Fall for Scituate was very successful. Over 2000 people attended it. Now working on Christmas in the Village, on December 10th. This is more of a kid event, from 4-7 pm. They do a scavenger hunt to find an elf in the store windows, hay rides, letters to Santa, etc. Rachel from the Co-op is doing all the marketing for this event.

**Sewer for NSV:** Cohasset is out, town has their own solution, Cohasset does not have to cooperate with other towns anymore.

**Harbor- Fran:** Harbor Associates had a very productive informational meeting with reps from

SCC, SVC at the Mill Wharf. Salt Cave is doing fabulous and Chopsticks and Forks will open soon. Santa Claus is coming to town, Christmas stroll in the harbor is in planning.

**Greenbush- Matt:** The construction of the gas station moves along. The same is true for the Drew construction. Business and restaurants are busy. Shop the Block is a new event planned for next spring in Greenbush.

**Humarock:** Based on the restaurants, Humarock is very busy. The Voyage is doing a great job with events.

Next EDC meeting: January, 24 2022

**Adjournment 7:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted: Susanne Hofmeister 12/27/21

*Approved January 24, 2022*