

## EDC Meeting Minutes

6/14/21

In attendance: Sue Di Pesa, Paul Bartkiewicz, Geena Savage, Susi Hofmeister, Matt Nelson, RJ Dwyer, Matt Elder, Staci Carey, Kyle Boyd (director of planning and development, Scituate), Freya (water resources liaison), Bob McLean (planning board liaison)

Call to order: 6:30 pm via zoom

### Introductions

Sue Di Pesa Chair report: Last virtual meeting for EDC, library location will resume in Aug. EDC has been busy this year with lending support in many ways to the business community. Many accomplishments as we end the fiscal year. Thank you to RJ Dwyer for his dedication to EDC in his 3 year term. He's finished as of this evening and moving to the North Shore. Thank you RJ. We'll have committee and liaison reports tonight.

Approval of May, 2021 minutes

Funding request from Scituate Harbor Cultural Council, Patrice Maye in the amount of 2k for the bandstand continuing series. Discussion supported the request. Geena Savage made a motion to approve, Paul Bartkiewicz seconded, and all members voted in favor.

Pier 44 report: Paul Bartkiewicz reports that the committee is being formed now and once they begin meeting then he will have a full update.

Scituate Visitors Center report: Geena Savage reports that the website for the center will be launching in the next couple of weeks. Officially became non profit 5013c. Everything is moving ahead as planned. Big project with enormous potential impact on the town and businesses. Funding has come from EDC and 10 k was secured by Sen Patrick O'Connor. More sources are being explored.

No Scituate: Staci reports that their main event this year will be Fall for Scituate which funds their other event, Christmas in the Village. Discussion about the condition of sidewalks and landscaping continue to be an issue. DPW seems to not want to address anything because the area will eventually get sewer.

Scituate Harbor: Kelly Bower reports that the merchants have many returning events such as the car show, arts walk, buoy contest. They've heard that the Scituate Chamber is planning a scaled down version of heritage days for the first week end in August. Business is definitely picking up in the harbor.

Greenbush: Matt Elder reports that the drew project has begun and other projects seem to be moving in the direction of construction. Untold has partnered with BirchBarn to for cross promotion and another cross promotion with artist Jess Hurley Scott. He's heard that staffing continues to be an issue with small businesses in the area.

Friends of North Scituate: Susi reports that they had a productive meeting with the North Scituate Business Assoc. and plan to collaborate on some projects. Specific concerns are related to hazardous pedestrian walkways and general weeding issues.

Other Business: Then next EDC meeting will be held on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Scituate Library.

Adjourned @ 7:45 pm

Submitted by Sue Di Pesa, Chair

*Approved: August 16, 2021*