

Economic Development Committee
February 26, 2024
Butterick Building, 1 Park Street, Room 205
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman James Patacchiola.

Present: James Patacchiola, Richard Maki, Rosanne Mapp, Mark Stoeve, Paul Cathcart, Maureen Cranson

Also Present: William Caldwell (Town Administrator), Stephen Wallace (Town Planner)

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Richard Maki reports that roughly $\frac{2}{3}$ (or \$16,939.58) remains of the Committee's budget as of 2/21/24.

Mr. Maki will be resigning as Treasurer, and from the Committee, as of the end of February. Committee members thanked him for all of his work on behalf of the EDC. A new Treasurer will be needed.

Town Administrator's Update. We are getting close to the point where we can get estimates for the outdoor Town Center projects. There was a discussion of timelines. The 4x8 sign for campground Rt. 12 will be ordered shortly and should be available for installation this spring.

Town Beach. Tree work at the Town Beach should be starting soon, pending decent weather. The first grant for the beach will expire at the end of the fiscal year (June).

Town Planner Update. Two public forums will be held in March at the old town hall:

(1) Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm, and

(2) Saturday, March 9th at 9am.

These will be aimed at explaining the importance and benefits of economic development, especially the tax benefits, and ascertaining public preferences for economic development in the performance district, including what is/isn't feasible. Site Plan regulations will be completed by the end of the calendar year. These will include standards for landscaping, parking, lighting, etc.

It was recommended that advertising for the Forums include the electronic signs, and that a handout/fact sheet be available that summarizes the presentation.

Forum Refreshments. Rosanne Mapp will arrange for refreshment. Emma's is willing to cater the food and advises that it will be cheaper to purchase drinks somewhere else, e.g., BJ's.

Clean-up Day. EDC will fund the annual Clean-up Day. A date is needed. Maureen Cranson will bring this up at the next Select Board Meeting; Board Member David Smith is helping to coordinate the event.

Several seats on elected Boards will open this year to be voted upon in May. Papers are available.

Next meeting will be held on 3/25. Rosanne Mapp moved to adjourn the meeting, Richard Maki seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:04.

Submitted by Melissa Chalmers, recorder