



Economic Development Commission - Richmond, Rhode Island

Town Hall – 2nd floor conference room
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MINUTES

January 13th 2020 – 6 pm

Call to order: 6:13PM by Ania Kent

Members Present: Jim Palmisciano, Joe Reddish, David Woodmansee, Ania Kent

Guests Present: Councilperson Nell Carpenter, Planner Shaun Lacey, Bryan LeBeau

MINUTES:

1. [MOTION to approve meeting minutes from December 16th 2019 by Joe Reddish, Second David Woodmansee, All AYE]

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discuss way to communicate to Taxpayers what projects are happening in the town. i.e. Road construction, new approved building projects etc. – Joe**

- If a system is developed to distribute project information it will need to be announced and promoted or it will be useless.
- Planner Lacey indicated that he will now be reporting at every Town Council meeting. This will be a great step in keeping residents informed.
- A recommendation was made that a “Hit List” or “Hot List” be created on the Planning Board’s page on the town website. The possibility of an outgoing message on the town’s phone system to offer an overview on projects that are generating the most busy-work for the planning department answering repeated questions by residents was also mentioned. It was unsure if the phone system could provide such a service or if it were warranted at this time.
- No action.

2. **Update on The Survey – Jim** {Tabled for later in the meeting}

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update – comprehensive plan / EDC goals**

- A detailed review of the Goals, Policies, and Actions took place as we reviewed and suggested edits for each G/P/A in the Economic Development section of the plan.
- Jim catalogued the changes and will provide updates to the planning board
- Planner Lacey invited anyone from the EDC who was interested to attend to the Jan 28th Planning Board meeting. The EDC updates to the comp plan would be discussed here
- No action.

[MOTION Joe Reddish, Second David Woodmansee, All AYE to table Old Business, Item 2 and New Business Items 2 through 5 until a future meeting due to time constraints]

2. What would we like to list in OCCC for 2020? Deadline 1/15.
3. List of things we want to focus on in 2020. Please everyone create a short list or even just 1 item that you would like to focus on and share with the group at the meeting. We can discuss everyone's idea.
4. Job Lot – Wellness Center- update – Ania
5. Town Commissions mingle- get to know other remembers who volunteer in our town. Public welcome.

PUBLIC FORUM

- None present

[MOTION to adjourn at 9:06 by Joe Reddish, Second Jim Palmisciano, All AYE]

Our next EDC meeting is February 10th 2020

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