

Economic Development Committee

Minutes: May 30th, 2019

Caucus Hall, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown

4:18 p.m.

EDC Members Present: Regina Cassidy, Trevor McCarthy, Julie Knapp, Steven Baker, Lisa Westervelt

Excused:

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Other: Mackenzie Perry

Public Statements: none

New Member: Regina Cassidy MOVE to appoint Lisa Westervelt as a new member to the Economic Development Committee; seconded by Trevor McCarthy and approved 4-0.

VFW Housing Forum, June 19th @ 5:30: Michelle Jarusiewicz encouraged attendance and participation in the community engagement process for future housing development at both the VFW site and the current police station site at 26 Shank Painter.

Economic Development & Camoin Reports: Michelle Jarusiewicz distributed draft reports by Camoin for the EDC review and encouraged them to comment on everything from typos, reality, and the future. There will be a presentation to the Select Board in the future. Some concern over implementation as former Town Manager David Panagore had been the point person and who now?

Economic Development Grants FY19: Michelle Jarusiewicz distributed a spreadsheet tracking required documentation and reports that grant recipients submit, or still need to submit. New submissions include reports from IMPROVincetown and Victory Fisheries.

Economic Development Focus Groups: Attended by Regina Cassidy and Steven Baker.

Steven Baker: The public forum and meeting was not well attended, but had good questions.

Regina Cassidy: Ultimately, it comes back to the need for housing.

Steven Baker: Some have tried before, like with "Campus Provincetown", but there are not enough resources and structure, and staffing is needed. Still returns to same ideas for extending the off-season.

The concept and term of a "blue economy" is discussed, referring to the preservation of marine environment and resources, which contribute to local economies like Provincetown. Programs like the Center for Coastal Studies works in this, which the Economic Development Committee can work with, to help facilitate along.

The population of seasonal workers, who require housing is discussed. Julie Knapp suggests an out-of-commission cruise ship that moors in the harbor as a potential housing unit. Regina asked what about hotels that shut down in the off-season?

Steven Baker advises that a representative from the Tourism Office is needed to coordinate conferences and meetings and to develop relationships with meeting planning industry.

Micro & Macro Grants:

Lisa Westervelt suggested asking for \$100,000 next time for funding the grants.

Regina Cassidy: Recommends a subcommittee for grant guidelines composed of 2 members from the Economic Development Committee, 2 members from the VSB, 2 members from the tourism office, 2 members from the Select Board, and Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz. Aim for September to get apps out. Lisa Westervelt stated let's create an ad-hoc subcommittee to streamline the grant application process and funding. Regina will broach with VSB.

Lisa inquired if shellfish/aquaculture portion is taken out then what do we do for the other industries? Trevor pointed out that aquaculture is not year round.

Minutes:

Regina Cassidy MOVE to approve minutes for 12/13/18 as presented; second by Julie Knapp; approved 4-0.
Regina Cassidy MOVE to approve minutes for 1/9/19 as presented; second by Steven Baker; approved 4-0.

Next Meetings:

July 10th @ 12 noon

August 21st @ 12 noon

September 18th @ 12 noon

Adjourned 5:30 pm

Minutes drafted by:

Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz