

RICHMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 16, 2019 – 6:00PM

Richmond Community Center, 1168 Main Street, Wyoming, RI

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT – David Woodmansee, Ania Kent, James Palmisciano

ABSENT – Joe Reddish

CALL TO ORDER – 6:08PM

MINUTES:

- I. **Motion** for approval of previous meeting minutes: October 29, 2018 by Jim Palmisciano, Ania Kent second, all AYE.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Welcome New Members
 - a. Ania Kent – provided a brief personal history and gave insight as to what motivated her to join the EDC. (no action taken)
 - b. Jim Palmisciano – provided a brief personal history and gave insight as to what motivated him to join the EDC. (no action taken)
- II. Food Truck Event – An opportunity was discussed to hold a town-sponsored food truck event at 4 Richmond Townhouse Road once the land has been cleared. Discussion included inviting all registered Richmond business to have a “table” at the event to promote their business. Richmond would possibly seek permission from RIDOT to close the portion of Route 112 from Route 138 to the end of the Town Hall property to allow the event to comfortably use both parcels. Entertainment would be sourced and local food trucks invited. The event will be revisited in the Spring. DPW is not expected to clear the property until sometime this winter. (no action taken)
- III. Update from Town Planner – Chairman Woodmansee met with Town Planner, Shaun Lacey, in advance of the meeting. Mr. Lacey stated that the town will be better positioned to move forward with development, incentives, and investment in infrastructure once the Comprehensive Plan has been updated. He urged the EDC to begin working on updating the EDC portion of the Plan. (no action taken).

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. EDC Membership – a brief discussion on membership did not result in any action items at this time.
 - a. Letter to Businesses
 - b. Residents

OPEN FORUM

The open forum portion of the meeting consisted of in-depth discussion of past initiatives of the EDC including an EDC Website, facebook page, "The Map." Members Kent and Palmisciano asked questions regarding the status of vacant properties such as Cycle Brothers; looked for updated information on the YMCA/Community/Senior Center, Richmond Commons, and the Town's (EDC) participation in local business organizations. Members took on the following initiatives for research and will report back at a future meeting:

- Website / Facebook – Ania
- Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce – Jim
- Cycle Brothers – Ania & Jim
- Rotary Club - Jim

The committee set the following schedule for meetings throughout the remainder of the year (to be held at the Richmond Community Center):

1. Monday, September 30 @ 6PM
2. Monday, October 21 @ 6PM
3. Monday, November 18 @ 6PM
4. Monday, December 16 @ 6PM

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:33PM by Ania Kent, Jim Palmisciano second, all AYE.

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