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Town of Barnstable
Planning & Development Department
Barnstable Economic Development Task Force
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2019

Members Present: Alison Maloney (Chair), Matthew Eddy, Mark Sexton, Chuck Carey, Roy Catignani, Dan Ojala

Members Absent: Beth Marcus, Bob Cody, Jason Siscoe, Paul Niedzwiecki

Staff: Gloria McPherson – Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, Jennifer Engelsen – Office Manager, Planning and Development Department

Others: Mark Ells, Town Manager, Jacob Dewey and Paul Garcia

Alison calls the meeting to order at 12:08 PM and passes out a list of topics for the group to pursue. The six topics are: Regulatory Reform Groundwater, Regulatory Reform Housing, Fees & Development Costs, Customer Service & Communication, Zoning and Zoning By-laws and Permitting Misc. Some of the wastewater issues are being handled by DPW and some of the impervious surface coverage can be incorporated with housing. Roy would like to tackle the hazardous materials piece in relation to car dealerships. Alison notes that she sees many small shops that do not follow the rules. Dan responded that some are grandfathered in and those who do not follow rules.

Alison told the group that she would like to add Jacob Dewey and Philip Boudreau to the Economic Development Task Force. Mark Ells gave his approval. Mark told Jennifer to reach out to President Paul Hebert through Cynthia Lovell to review members and add Jake and Phil.

Matt talked about the handout from the Housing Subcommittee. The goals of the group are to: Encourage diverse housing production in Downtown Hyannis GIZ, Review and modernize Regulations and Review Hyannis Water Systems Development charges.

Mark Ells showed the group the financial tools on our website. Under Planning & Development, Economic Development tab you can choose Business Barnstable. Has links to the state for more information, incentives, etc. The website is current.

Alison shows Mark the use regulation tables in Dennis and Yarmouth, it is very user friendly. When she compares this to Barnstable, it is in paragraph form and hard to follow. Alison proposed to Mark when funds allow, Barnstable is updated into a use regulation table. Dan requests that we digitize permit records and Mark reports that is being worked on internally. Mark said all of the issues mentioned will be taken under review.

Chuck shares that density is the crux of the housing situation in town. What is going to create real results? We are so far out of balance with what we have versus what we need. All wants to act on the best interest of the community. Jake believes the first step is to ask ourselves what we want. Gloria told the group that form based code is in the draft stage. Housing is driving density and economic development and we have to get that third story creatively. We have to determine the definition of work force housing and keep it work force housing. Mark Sexton sees more companies buying units for their employees, we need to bring jobs to the Cape and if the jobs come do the rents support it?

Roy passes out his handout on recommendations from the Subcommittee on Moorings and Waterfront Access. The recommendations are: Re-Layout of Saltwater Mooring Fields, Create a Transient Mooring Service in Hyannis Harbor and Lewis Bay, Enhance Public Access to Boat Launch Ramps, Create a Transient Slip Rental Plan in Hyannis Harbor and Suggest that the Harbormaster revise the current Mooring Regulations. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Chuck to bring the ideas forward to Town Council. It was suggested that the recommendations were shared with the Harbormaster before going to the Town Council. Gloria will be responsible for coordinating a meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 7th at 12:00 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Roy and seconded by Matt. The meeting closed at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Engelsen – Planning and Development Department