

DIGHTON DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2022

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

Michael Mullen, Daniel Higgins, Leonard Hull, Patricia Barlow, Joseph Figueiredo, Thomas Bourquin, Rafa Delfin, and Jonathan Geggatt.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review, Discuss and Approve the 2023 Budget

The consensus of the commission was to focus the 2023 budget on marketing, supplies and communication. Town Administrator Michael Mullen recommended that our budget request should be no more than \$1500 due to the town's tight economic position, the fact that the Commission had not submitted a budget in 2022 and did not spend the entire 2021 budget request.

Both Dan Higgins and Jon Geggatt agreed that it would be wise to wait until next year to submit a budget request for the creation of a video and brochure detailing the goals of the DDIC. Both agreed that SRPEDD should be involved with the project and the cost of completing these two projects would be a lot more than we could afford at this time.

Joe Figueiredo motioned and Tom Bourquin seconded the motion to set the DDIC 2023 budget request to the Town at \$1500. The motion passed unanimously.

2. District Local Technical Assistance Grant

TA Mullen informed the DDIC that there was a \$40,000 matching grant through SRPEDD that we should apply for. SRPEDD will assist us in the preparation of this grant. The Commission agreed that time should be set aside at the February meeting for work on this grant application.

3. Spring Business Outreach

Jon Geggatt will be heading up this event and is currently developing a questionnaire for both citizen and business input. He will give the Commission an update on his progress with this event at the February meeting.

4. DDIC Web Page

The Commission asked TA Mullen for assistance with establishing a method for the DDIC to be linked to the Town Web Page. Mike Mullen will report back to the committee with his progress on this request at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about potential use of vacant public properties in the town. TA Mullen will be the point of contact for any public outreach this committee might do in trying to obtain properties for a specific use. (This is also the new policy with the Open Space Committee as well).

The Commission is currently looking at the Dighton Transfer Station as a potential site for a solar array. Leonard Hull will update the Commission on this matter at the February meeting and will contact the DPW, Board of Health and Raynham Highway Superintendent, Edward Buckley, in the feasibility of completing this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Joe Figueiredo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM and Rafa Delfin seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM.