

# DIGHTON DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

PRESENT: Michael Mullen, Leonard Hull, Patricia Barlow, Rafael Delfin, Joseph Figueiredo, Daniel Higgins, Jonathon Geggatt

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Congratulations to Steve Kulpa, a teacher at D/R who received the Educator of the Year Award from the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce for 2021.
2. **Discuss open position for representative from Bristol County Agricultural High School.**  
Due to constraints from our meeting times, the school does not have anyone available to serve as a standing member of the Commission and it is unlikely they will have anyone going forward able to make that commitment. An alternative would be to invite someone from the Dighton farming community to join as an Agricultural representative. The Commission would continue to work with the Bristol County Agricultural High School but probably via Selectman Leonard Hull who is the BOS liaison to the school.  
  
Selectman Hull suggested that at some future point we invite the Dighton Agricultural Commission to join a meeting to make sure we are aligned on goals and to understand their vision.
3. **Recommend that the Board of Selectman sign the SRPEDD agreement for grant received by Community Compact Agreement and grant received directly from SRPEDD.**  
Motion to recommend made by Joseph Figueiredo. Seconded by Jon Geggatt. VOTE: APPROVED
4. **Review activities for planned Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce Business Networking Event**  
A draft questionnaire was reviewed to be distributed at the event. Recommendation made that Jon Geggatt and Dan Higgins work on survey and event details as a sub-committee. The event is planned to include both Dighton and Berkley as part of the event.
5. **Review initial data gathering/data survey from SRPEDD**  
Dan Higgins/Mike Mullen will provide feedback to SRPEDD based on commission's comments
6. Future opportunities for discussion:
  - a. Joseph Figueiredo is working with an existing Dighton business that is looking to build a new facility, but needs approximately 20,000 sq ft. Initially there does not appear to be any properly zoned lots of sufficient size but Mr. Figueiredo is continuing to investigate. The existing business is leasing a facility but wishes to buy and construct a new building.
  - b. Jonathon Geggatt brought up need for home based businesses to have a place to rent office space as needed. Selectman Hull suggested that existing business on Rte 138 may

be a good location for that and he will contact the owners to make the suggestion to them.

- c. Suggestion made to investigate potential development along Taunton River. Jonathon Geggatt to try to contact Wareham developer Danny Warren to see if he would be willing to offer suggestions.
- d. Solar panels on brownfields (aka "Brightfields")
- e. Aquaria future plans

OLD BUSINESS:

**1. Status of FY23 funding request**

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

The ZOOM meeting recording was lost prior to the completion of the meeting. It was decided to adjourn the meeting rather than continue without meeting recording.

Meeting adjourned 7:36pm.