



Town of Dighton
Development and Industrial Commission
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MINUTES FOR April 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Daniel Higgins, Jon Geggatt, Paul Reynolds, Rafael Delfin, Leonard Hull

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Review/Act on date for 2nd Annual Business Networking Event.

A date of Tuesday October 3rd has been set for the 2nd Annual Business Networking Event, sponsored by the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will again be held at the Bristol County Agricultural High School at 4pm. The start time is to be reconfirmed with the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce.

2. Discuss/Review open member position posted for representative from Dighton farming community.

Several people in Dighton from the local farming community have been approached but no candidates have come forward yet for the open position. Other options for consideration may be:

- (a) requesting a liaison from the Dighton Agricultural Commission, or
- (b) including a representative from SEMAP (Southeastern Mass Agricultural Partnership), an organization that comprises farmers, farm technical assistance providers, and other agricultural experts that work to support local farming.

3. Discuss/Review/Act on updates to Dighton Business Guide.

The discussion was a continuation of one raised in a previous meeting. It was decided at the next meeting to review the existing town Business Guide and make any recommendations for updates. It was noted that additional information regarding Conservation and Storm Water may be needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Discuss/Review on Job Fair posting(s).

Jon Geggatt had arranged for postings to be made on the town News site as well as social media to advertise existing programs and Job Fairs at Dighton-Rehoboth High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School. Next

year the commission may decide to sponsor a job fair.

5. **Discuss/Review on drone videography project.**

A request will be sent to the Selectmen's Office for permission to proceed with the planned drone videography from Pinnacle Drone Works.

6. **Discuss/Review on suggested revision to Home Occupation Zoning bylaws.**

Discussion tabled pending further feedback from the town PACT group, which is expected in June.

7. **Discuss/Review on Dighton Local Business Directory.**

At present, 35 businesses have agreed to be listed. Suggestions were made for ideas to further promote either the Local business Directory, or the DDIC generally. The two suggestions offered were:

- a. Periodic Coffee connects where business owners/representatives can network, meet with the DDIC, and have an opportunity to provide feedback or ask questions. The events could be held either at local town business locations of they choose to host it or at Old Town Hall.
- b. Create business spotlights on the local cable access channel, where business owners/representatives have an opportunity to talk about their business and services. Daniel Higgins will reach out to the Cable Committee for suggestions, and to the Town Administrator to identify and potential issues. It was noted that the Cable Committee is currently very understaffed so bandwidth on their part may be an issue.

CORRESPONDANCE: Bill Moore, member of the Dighton Board of Assessors, advised Paul Reynolds that he would glad to attend a future DDIC meeting and provide information/answer questions about what, from the Assessor's Office perspective, Dighton business owners should know about doing business in Dighton. He requested that a list of known questions be provided so that he is prepared.

PUBLIC INPUT: none

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Rafael Delfin to approve meeting minutes of April 24, 2022. Second Paul Reynolds.
Motion passed unanimously.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Motion made by Paul Reynolds to set the meeting date as Monday May 22, 2023, at 6pm. Second Rafael Delfin.
Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Paul Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. Second Rafael Delfin.

Motion passed unanimously.