



Town of Dighton
Development and Industrial Commission

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MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The commission reviewed the most recent draft of the upcoming Town-wide survey from SRPEDD and noted suggested changes to be brought back to SRPEDD for inclusion. Dan Higgins will work with SRPEDD on the updates and bring the final draft to the next meeting. No date has been set for the survey launch but it is planned for this Summer. The launch will be advertised on the town web site and community social media platforms.
2. Appointed new member as representative of Dighton Farming Community
 - a. MOTION made to appoint Darlene Araujo as a member representing the Dighton Farming Community. Motion made by Rafael Delfin. Second by Joseph Figueiredo.
Motion passed unanimously
3. Plans for Firecracker Festival July 9th
 - a. MOTION made to order 250 stock cards with Frequently Called Town Phone Numbers and meeting dates from Davol Printing, and a 2'x6' vinyl banner from Walgreens for distribution and use at the Firecracker Festival. Motion made by Jonathon Geggatt. Second by Joseph Figueiredo.
Motion passed unanimously
4. Discussed plans for DDIC Facebook and LinkedIn pages and appoint site Administrator(s)
 - a. MOTION made to appoint Dan Higgins as web administrator DDIC Facebook and LinkedIn sites. Motion made by Patty Barlow. Second by Jonathon Geggatt.
Motion passed unanimously
5. Discussed any "New businesses interests in town"
 - a. Under The Sun Farm has opened in a new location on Williams St. Congratulations to them.
 - b. Barbara Catabia opened Fried Ice Cream/Bakery/Farmstand at Williams St. Congratulations to her.
 - c. Bill Koffler attended our last meeting. He is in negotiations to purchase Shaw's Boatyard and move his custom yacht building business from Rhode Island to Dighton. Mr. Koffler

met with Mike, Jim Aguiar, and Kerrie Easterday to discuss next steps. Nothing else to report but good luck to him.

6. Discussed Open Meeting Law Complaint from Patrick Higgins dated April 27, 2022 for not announcing that the meeting was being recorded. Other committees have received the same complaint. Michael Mullen will respond on behalf of the town.
 - a. MOTION made to acknowledge receipt of complaint. Motion made by Rafael Delfin. Second by Joseph Figueiredo.
Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Received update on Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce Business Networking Event to be held at Bristol County Agricultural High School on September 21st from 5pm to 7pm. The event will be catered with costs covered by donations that have been made to the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce. There will be a \$10 cost per person.
- b. Discussed business cards for members. It was requested that Michael Mullen help create a DDIC town email address that can be included on any business cards. No motion made to order business cards. It will be revisited once a committee email address has been created.
- c. Discussed a DDIC members tour of Pure Oasis. Leonard Hull will follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC INPUT: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION made to accept meeting minutes for 5/23/22.
Motion made by Joseph Figueiredo. Second by Patty Barlow.
Motion passed unanimously

NEXT MEETING: MOTION made to set next meeting for Monday July 25th at 6pm at Old Town Hall.
Motion made by Joseph Figueiredo. Second by Rafael Delfin.
Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION made to adjourn. Motion made by Joseph Figueiredo. Second by Patty Barlow.
Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 8:32pm.