



Town of Dighton
Development and Industrial Commission
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MINUTES FOR January 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

PRESENT: Rafael Delfin, Joseph Figueiredo, Daniel Higgins, Jon Geggatt, Leonard Hull, Paul Reynolds, Joy Severance

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act/Approve drone videography proposal

Joy Severance from Pinnacle Works gave a review of her background and the drone photography/videography services she offers. Jon Geggatt had reached out to Bridgewater State for students interested in doing drone videography and had been put in touch with Joy, a current student but fully permitted by the FAA and licensed for commercial work. A draft list of sites were discussed as proposals for raw video footage.

The cost would be \$75 per site for 2-3 minutes of raw unedited footage per site with a plan to use that footage in the future as part of a Town marketing campaign.

The question of liability insurance was raised by Rafael Delfin and per Joy, a \$1 million liability policy will be secured within the next month or two. She will also load a sample of her work onto her Facebook page for the Commission to review.

Discussion continued to February meeting.

2. Discuss/Act/Approve application for open member position.

One application was received for the open position from Paul Reynolds.

Motion made by Joe Figueiredo to ask the Board of Selectmen to appoint Paul Reynolds as a member of the Dighton Development & Industrial Commission. Second Rafael Delfin.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss/Act/Approve FY '24 budget and potential future project funding needs

The three primary goals of the Commission for fiscal 2024 are (1) collaborating with the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce to host the Second Annual Business Networking Event, (2) begin a marketing campaign to encourage new business in Town, and (3) collaborate with other Town committees to review current Zoning bylaws impacting businesses.

A funding request will be made to the Town for \$1000 for FY 2024:

\$250 for sponsorship of the Annual Business Networking Event

\$250 for targeted mailing to promote the Annual Business Networking Event

\$250 for Marketing print materials

\$250 for targeted mailing or other professional services related to Marketing materials

Motion made by Joseph Figueiredo submit the budget request as described. Second Rafael Delfin.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss approach and timeline for joint DDIC/Planning Board town-wide Zoning review

Dan Higgins will request guidance from the Planning Board Office Manager on how to best proceed with the discussions. There was a concern that incorporating those discussions into the existing regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings would be an unnecessary burden on the agendas for those meetings. This is envisioned to be a long process involving feedback from multiple committees.

5. Discuss any new businesses interests in town

At the December 7 2022 meeting of the Planning Board, Laborers Union 876, represented by David Araujo, was given clearance for new offices at 210 Williams St.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. Discuss posting of Dighton local business directory on Town website

Dan Higgins has been working with Leeanne Kerwin from the Selectman's Office to set up a dedicated page on the Town website for use as a Local business Directory. The page has been created and Mr. Higgins has begun reaching out to local businesses. The launch date should be within the next few weeks. Once launched, the site will be advertised on social media and on the Town website.

7. Discuss site visit to 1938 Winthrop St (Trevi Icos)

The current occupants at 1938 Winthrop St had indicated in October that they would be closing that site and probably selling the parcel. In order to get more information about the feasibility of future development at that location, Jon Geggatt and Dan Higgins met with the Conservation Commission Agent Lisa Caledonia about the existing wetlands on the site. After the meeting it was decided an additional site visit was not necessary. Although there are existing structures and areas for future development, there are several wetlands constraints. Joe Figueiredo, who is

also familiar with the site, agreed.

Joe Figueiredo asked if the Town could provide a workshop to all Town committees about how commercial Taxes are assessed, to better inform those boards going forward. Paul Reynolds agreed to ask the Board of Assessors.

8. Discuss suggested revisions to town Home Occupation Zoning bylaws

Dan Higgins will be attending the PACT Meeting on January 18th to get feedback on the proposed zoning bylaw changes. The PACT members include the Town Administrator, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Building Commissioner, and Board of Health.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC INPUT:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Joe Figueiredo to approve meeting minutes of November 28 2022. Second Rafael Delfin.

Motion passed unanimously.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Motion made by Joe Figueiredo to set the meeting date as Monday February 27, 2023 at 6pm. Second Rafael Delfin.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Joe Figueiredo to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Second Rafael Delfin.

Motion passed unanimously.