



Town of Dighton
Development and Industrial Commission
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MINUTES FOR May 22, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Review/Act on any new business interests in town.

The following new businesses have registered with the Town Clerk since our last meeting.

- Nick's Trailer Service and More
- Haney Woodworking and Carpentry
- Simply Printables

Also Shaw's Boatyard has changed ownership. The new owners are from Berkley.

ENL Training LLC at 1050 Williams St had their grand opening last weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Discuss/Review on drone videography project.

A request was sent to the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the project. The BOS requested that we get signed release forms from any businesses being filmed. A draft release was provided to the Town Administrator who approved it for use. To date, we have permission from the Selectmen to film at Town property (i.e., Town Hall Campus, Osprey Landing Boat Ramp) and have received a signed release from Araujo Farms & Greenhouses. The other properties identified have been contacted and we are awaiting responses.

One of the identified areas for filming had been the County St area near Main St. Given the need to obtain releases from any impacted businesses, it may be difficult to obtain

signed forms from everyone. A backup site may need to be identified. "Princess House" and Aquaria are possibilities.

3. **Discuss/Review/Act any on advertising and sponsorship for 2nd Annual Business Networking Event.**

The event will be Oct 23 2023 at 5pm at Bristol County Agricultural High School. Suggestions for improvements this year include increased advertising via signage around Town and also improved event parking.

Motion made by Paul Reynolds to sponsor event at \$250. Second Jon Geggatt.

Motion passed unanimously

4. **Discuss/Review/Act open position for farming representative.**

The Commission is still reaching out to Dighton members of the farming community to join, but if we are unable to find anyone, it was agreed to reach out to SEMAP (SE Mass Agricultural Partnership) to join.

Motion made by Paul Reynolds to send letter to Selectmen to revise Commission to include membership by SEMAP, if no Dighton volunteers come forward before the next meeting and if SEMAP amenable to joining. Second Jon Geggatt.

Motion passed unanimously

5. **Discuss/Review/Act local cable access channel business spotlights**

Paul Reynolds and Dan Higgins have been in touch with the Cable Commission, and they are in favor of the idea. A date is being set up to discuss the logistics with the Cable Commission.

6. **Discuss/Review/Act future info session by Dighton Assessors Office**

A draft of questions for the Assessor's Office was reviewed for a future information session, based on questions the DDIC has been received by town businesses. Many of the questions are from owners of home-based businesses.

Nancy Goulart, member of the Board of Assessor, was in attendance and invited a representative from the DDIC to attend their next meeting.

7. **Discuss/Review/Act Dighton Business Guide update**

This will continue to be discussed and input provided to the Town Administrator.

PUBLIC INPUT: Leonard Hull wished to congratulate 1Connection on their one year anniversary in town. Their open house celebration was attended by the public as well as the

Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Jon Geggatt 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 June 26, 2023, at 6pm. Second Jon Geggatt.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Paul Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Second Jon Geggatt.

Motion passed unanimously.