

Economic Development Commission

Town Hall- Room 1 Town Hall

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Location: Town Hall Auditorium

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Date of this meeting: Feb 15, 2023

Meeting Notice: This meeting held Pursuant to Chapter 20, Acts of 2021 Hybrid Meetings Until The Economic Development Commission has a been provided with Zoom equipment it will continue to be in-person only and recorded via Voice Tracer Digital Voice Recorder and then placed on the Town Web page after the meeting

ATTENDANCE:

- Michael McMahon
- Serena Fuller
- Craig Samuelson
- Jack Cote
- Amber Bach

Public Comments

Inga Hoteling

Diane Gale

- **Inga Hoteling Guest-** Inga brought three topics of interest to the meeting. One being to recap from the meeting of January 18th of her request to get the endorsement to do the second annual "Taste of Southwick". This would take place the Saturday following Thanksgiving 2023. She is asking for approval in advance to give an ample amount of time so more of the Community has a chance to participate.

Second Inga brought to the table that on February 2nd 2023 there was a Southwick Master Plan meeting at which Inga was asked to be a member of the Economic Development Focus Group. Inga has attended as asked and gathers that the Local Businesses would like to see an area on EDC website that would give them an opportunity to state who they are, what their business is and where their business is located. Giving the community a better source of advertisement and resource. Inga then went on to express her desire to see a better and more updated website for EDC.

Third Inga will also be working with Burt Hansen the Agricultural Commission Chairman in establishing an "Open Farm Day". This year's Open farm day will be held at Whaley Park on August 20th 2023. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Old Business

Changes and business developments in town-

- **800 College Highway-** This space is now occupied by a group of Medical Professionals who have their Doctorate of Nursing. All good feedback thus far.
- **Old Lake Life 101 now PRIM3 ST3AK HOUS3-** Restaurant has had a change in ownership (the original owner still owns the real estate) It is now going to be a Higher end Steak House called PRIM3 ST3AK HOUS3. Planning to open this month and is still looking for help
- **141 Congamond Rd Four Dads Pub –** Is still in progress no word on an opening date. There is word of a possible Marina in the same area.
- **Discussion/Decision of the Mission of EDC-** EDC discussed/ reviewed a possible mission statement and decided to have a modified version of Durham's mission statement.
- **Discussion/Approval of Meeting Minutes-** Craig **made a motion** to accept the minutes of January 18th 2023. Serena **seconded** the motion. The Vote was unanimous in favor.

Roll Call Vote-

Michael McMahon- Yes Amber Bach-Yes
Serena Fuller- Yes Craig Samuelsen - Yes
Jack Cote-Yes

- **Craig Samuelsen with Ideas for purchasing materials from Southwoods-**
See Attachment A
Craig Samuelsen has meet with Southwood's Magazine, Printing, Signs & Media about updating the EDC web page. Southwood's has proposed some ideas and they support EDC's prior mission statement. Craig will Invite Southwood's to an EDC special meeting on March 1st 2023 at 6pm. At this meeting Southwood's will give a full run down on their ideas/ coast for the EDC website update.

New Business:

- On March 11, Saturday 8:20 AM EDC has 10 Mins to present/ talk about their requests for the FY24 Budget.
- On February 21, 2023 there is a Planning Board meeting to discuss the Law Changes to Short Term Rentals.

- EDC members that need to be re-sworn in Amber Bach, Jack Cote and Craig Samuelsen.
- **Zanto's Pizza-** is re-opened under new Owner ship
- **Second Annual "Taste of Southwick"-** Craig **made a motion** to approve Inga Hotelings proposal of putting together the Second annual "Taste of Southwick". Serena **seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Roll Call Vote-

Michael McMahon- Yes Amber Bach-Yes
 Serena Fuller- Yes Craig Samuelsen - Yes
 Jack Cote-Yes

Discussion/Approval of meeting Minutes- Michael McMahon continued to advise the Commission Members to review all the available minutes at home the next meeting. (Minutes date back to April 2022)

Serena Fuller **made a motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Jack Cote **seconded** the motion. The Vote was unanimous in favor.

Roll Call Vote-

Michael McMahon- Yes Amber Bach-Yes
 Serena Fuller- Yes Craig Samuelsen - Yes
 Jack Cote-Yes

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Barton

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