

Economic Development Council

Minutes

Meeting: May 17, 2006, 9:30 am

Judge Welsh Room

Present:

Members: Chairman Stephen Melamed, Alix Ritchie, Hunter O'Hanian, Henry Tuttle, Thanassi Kuliopulos

Staff: Acting Assistant Town Manager/Grant Administrator Michelle Jarusiewicz, Building Commissioner Douglas Taylor

The Chairman Steve Melamed called the meeting to order at 10:00.

There were no public statements.

Review of BOS meeting - what is being encouraged and discouraged? Alix went over her notes. Hunter gives his impression of how the meeting went and said that the BOS seemed in favor of the goals and wants the EDC to provide very specific strategies. Year-round jobs - what can we do?

Alix suggests goal proposals - BOS could state policy to create incentives for year-round enterprises and residents. Create incentives and create strategies for year-round economy by sector. Get Kathy back to guide EDC in the sector-by-sector plan. Hunter suggests that the EDC make short-term goals as well as long-term goals.

Hunter makes a list of goals and strategies:

Goals:

Devise short-term strategies for year-round economic development by sector

Continue development of long-term strategies for year-round sustainable economic growth.

Strategies:

1. Set town-wide policies to create incentives for year-round businesses and residents
2. Create tax incentives for year-round businesses and residents
3. Encourage Town Hall to facilitate year-round economic growth and development
4. Examine year-round vs. seasonal licenses.
5. Encourage workforce housing assistance
6. Identify infrastructure needs for economic growth
7. Identify growth opportunities

Discussion regarding an Action Plan between Truro, Provincetown and the National Seashore for workforce housing on the Air Force Base (Highland Center). Hunter said not to hold out for it due to infrastructure.

Alix made motion to convey to the Selectmen the goals and strategies that the EDC developed as a proposal for their FY 07 Town-Wide Goals

Thanassi 2nd

Discussion...

5-0 in favor

Hunter made motion to approve the minutes of May 3

Henry 2nd

Thanassi and Alix abstain

3-0 in favor

A joint meeting with the Pier Corp. has been set for May 31st. Alix suggests that the EDC also have a joint meeting with the Harbor Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.