

Provincetown Economic Development Committee Minutes
January 19, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall

Members Present: Steven Latasa-Nicks, Bryan Armstrong, Regina Cassidy, Michael Miller, Karen Cappotto

Absent: Bryan Armstrong, Jeff Krainess

Others Present: Finance Director Dan Hoort

Meeting called to order at 3:09 p.m.

Michael moved to approve the minutes of December 8th and January 5th. 2nd by Regina. Approved 4-0-0

The Committee reviewed the proposed members of the Selection Committee. We still need a business representative. Members of the Committee will post reminders of the grant applications on Facebook and it is appearing in this week's Banner.

The Committee discussed a goal for 2016 to streamline the regulatory process in order to encourage (or not discourage) more businesses to start up in Provincetown. The Committee discussed several instances of long and difficult regulatory examples. The Committee discussed whether Boards are aware of the impact the lengthy process has on a new business trying to start in Provincetown.

Members of the Committee agreed that any direction on streamlining the process should come from the Town Manager. Steven and Michael will request a meeting with Town Manager Panagore to discuss the issue and get his input.

Karen updated the Committee that she is working with the Provincetown Library and PTV on a 'How to Start a Business' video.

The Committee discussed the off-season 'What's Open' guide. It's a difficult process because members of the business community don't seem to volunteer the information. Someone has to reach out to them on a regular basis to gather the information. While it would be ideal if businesses could log on to a site and enter their open/closed information if they do not keep the information current it loses its value. The Committee agreed that this should be a Tourism Office project and wondered if the Tourism Office might be able to use a volunteer from the Senior Taxes/Work Program to keep the information updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

Minutes approved by Committee on 02/22/16