

Provincetown Economic Development Committee Minutes
October 20, 2015, 3:00 p.m.
Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall

Members Present: Steven Latasa-Nicks, Bryan Armstrong, Jeff Krainess, Regina Cassidy, Michael Miller, Karen Cappotto (alternate)

Absent: none

Others Present: Town Manager David Panagore
Finance Director Dan Hoort

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of September 29 and October 13.

Bryan moved to approve the minutes of October 13th. 2nd by Michael. Approved 5-0-0

Michael moved to approve the minutes of September 29th. 2nd by Regina. Approved 5-0-0

The Committee welcomed Town Manager Panagore who will be attending meetings.

The Committee discussed the new 3pm meeting times and decided to continue with the 3pm time.

The Community Development Partnership wants to do a joint radio show with the EDC and Provincetown 365. The program will tape on November 2nd and Bryan will represent both the EDC and 365. The Banner would also like to do a story on the work of the Committee. Steven and Bryan will discuss the substance of the article.

Jeff mentioned that during the 10/13 Selectmen's meeting with the Water Department that in terms of water usage September is now surpassing June. We can only guess at the reasons, but it further highlights the lack of usable data.

Town Manager Panagore talked to Massachusetts Development about obtaining a grant to collect and assimilate economic development and housing data. He would like to see the data collection done through the EDC. Steven mentioned that getting the numbers will give us the data to guide our discussions. Mr. Panagore said the next step is to get them to town so they can witness the need. The Committee enthusiastically supported the idea.

Bryan mentioned that during the Selectmen's meeting Selectmen Anthony mentioned the Provincetown Inn use to be year-round with conventions. The Town needs to pursue the convention business.

The Committee discussed having second homeowners involvement in bringing in artists during the off-season. The Committee discussed how we can encourage the community's involvement.

The Committee discussed how it might target areas in which it wants to make grants. They may also consider providing micro grants. One basis for a grant might be if it created a job.

Steven mentioned the Committee needs to set its work priorities for the next few weeks.

Bryan and Steven are going to work on a straw model for criteria.

Michael and Jeff are going to work on a straw model of the judging process.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm

Minutes approved by Committee on 11/03/15