

EDC Meeting 7/29/21

Approved 8/19/21

Present: Laura Buono, Robyn Payson, Bob Nash, Sam Ivanov, Riche' Colcombe, Sara Edie, Ken Mathews

Guests and Members of the Public:

Ken Matthews, Meg Curtis-Sauer, Zander Kempf, Jason Kovarik,

Meeting opened at 9:00 am:

Laura Buono Chaired the meeting.

The group introduced themselves.

Elect Chairperson

Following discussion Bob Nash agreed to sit as Chairman for the year.

Grant Opportunity-Home Town Grant

The group discussed applying for the \$50,000.00 T-Mobile Home Town Grant. This grant is to support a project that will help revitalize a community. It made sense to submit an application for the winter deadline which runs through the end of December.

Following discussion, the group decided that an appropriate project would be to work on revitalizing the corner that includes 2 and 8 Bridge Street. The Town will be tearing down 2 Bridge street. Laura said they are working on getting pricing now and hope to demolish the building before winter.

The immediate plan after the building is torn down is to turn it in to green space for two picnic tables with umbrellas. Ken Matthews said he could contact Rob Reno to help develop a plan. Owner of 8 Bridge Street Jason Kovarik will be contacted and asked to meet with the EDC at his convenience to discuss his plans and the EDC's vision for the future of the corner.

Ideas to revitalize the downtown included a "Main Street Market" that would sell locally made items year round and office space that could be rented on a short term basis. The overall idea is to develop a "Quincy Market" in the downtown area.

Riche' Colcombe said she knew of people and a developer who were considering locating a brewery in town. She referred them to a developer in town.

Showing progress revitalizing the downtown would be great for the town's 250th celebration in 2022.

Meeting days were discussed.

There was a general consensus that in order to get this grant ready to submit for the winter deadline, more meetings are necessary. Discussion about days and times for upcoming meetings would be addressed when the EDC meets with Jason Kovarik.

Meeting ended at 09:10 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Payson, Planning Director