

TOWN OF STOW
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the September 21, 2017 Economic Development and Industrial Commission Meeting

Members Present: Andrew Bluestein, Bob Collings, Tom Farnsworth, Serena Howlett, Kevin Whalen

Kevin Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2017

Bob Collings moved to approve the minutes as written.

Kevin Whalen Seconded.

VOTED: (5-0) Unanimously in favor (Andrew Bluestein, Kevin Whalen, Bob Collings, Tom Farnsworth, Serena Howlett- Yea).

Members' Updates

Bob Collings asked if Bose ever responded to the Commission's inquiry regarding a meeting with company representatives? Jesse Steadman said they did have some correspondence back and forth but that they could resume the conversation.

Public Input

None.

Recommendation for Selectmen Appointments to Vacant Positions

The Commission noted that of the three interested candidates, one has withdrew their letter, leaving two candidates for two vacant positions.

Jennifer Gero

Serena Howlett moved to recommend the Selectmen appoint Jennifer Gero to the Economic Development and Industrial Commission.

Tom Farnsworth Seconded.

VOTED: (5-0) Unanimously in favor.

Jean-Claude Sureau

Tom Farnsworth moved to recommend the Selectmen appoint Jean Claude Sureau to the Economic Development and Industrial Commission.

Kevin Whalen Seconded.

VOTED: (5-0) Unanimously in favor.

Mixed Use Zoning

Serena Howlett noted that she has put together a presentation on mixed use zoning and thought it may be a good topic to further discuss if the Commission was interested. The Commission asked that the presentation be sent out to members electronically, followed by a presentation and discussion at the next meeting.

Stow Job Fair

Andrew Bluestein said that finding employees continues to be a major need for his business and other retail businesses in Stow. Andrew Bluestein said he will try to look into opportunities for holding the Job Fair at the plaza. A Commission member discussed the potential for utilizing Lower Village Common as well. Jesse Steadman said he could help look into that.

Sign Bylaw Working Session

Jesse Steadman said that the sign bylaw discussion could resume at a follow up meeting given some of the progress the Commission made during that last discussion. Jesse said staff need to look back over the notes and update the information discussed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman