



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

South Kingstown Town Hall – Council Chambers - 180 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879

PLEASE BE ADVISED THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD LIVE AND IN-PERSON AT THE ABOVE LOCATION. DUE TO RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW, FULLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE NO LONGER PERMITTED. ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND IN PERSON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING MUST EITHER APPEAR IN-PERSON OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

STANDARD TOWN HALL COVID PROTOCOLS APPLY TO ALL MEETING ATTENDEES. ATTENDEES WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED MUST WEAR A MASK & MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Economic Development Committee Members

	Larry Fish, Chair		Henry Thayer, Vice Chair	
Susan Marcus	Brian Smith	Jude Nuzum	Joanne Esposito	Thomas Routliffe
Alex Petrucci		Dan Kimber	Ken Tetzner	

AGENDA ITEMS

Please be advised that the Economic Development Committee intends to discuss and/or act upon each and every item appearing on this agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: [9/2/2021 Draft Minutes](#); [9/21/2021 Public Forum Draft Minutes](#)
4. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: [9/13/2021 Council Response to Request for Work Session](#)
5. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. **Saugatucket Design Project** – General discussion of park/river improvements, including review of 9/21/2021 public forum, preliminary design, feasibility, cost, funding, grant opportunities, permitting, professional support, stakeholder coordination and other related issues. Possible action to advance the project to the next design stage or to apply for grant funding to support (subject to authorization by the Town Council). [Table Documents from Public Forum](#)
6. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. **Measuring the Town's Economic Health**: Discussion and possible action on evaluating the status of the town's economy as a basis for proposing town action, including but not limited to, a review of the EDC's 2018 business survey and action to update the survey. [2018 Survey Documents](#)
7. RECURRING DISCUSSIONS:
 - a. **Report on Town Planning for Tercentennial** – Report on status of town efforts to prepare for the town's 300th anniversary in 2023.
 - b. **COVID-19 Related Business Issues** – Open discussion regarding pandemic-related business issues.
 - c. **Funding Opportunities** – Open discussion about funding opportunities for EDC projects and/or local businesses.

- d. **Monthly Update on Local Business Developments** – Open discussion pertaining to new developments in the S.K. business community; e.g. new commercial projects, new businesses, changes in ownership, business closures/relocations, properties available for commercial development ... etc. [MG Realty - Schneider Brochure](#)

ACTIVE COMMERCIAL PROJECTS (link)			
PROJECT LOCATION	PLAN STAGE	PROJECT LOCATION	PLAN STAGE
<u>S.K. Nursing & Rehab Ctr.</u> – 2115 South Cty. Tr., basement addition for mech. equip.	Advisory DPR Approved 9-28-21	<u>South County Hospital</u> - Proposed zoning text amendment to Inst. Master Plan requirement.	Heard 9-28-21 Ongoing
<u>Union F.D./Matunuck</u> – Demolish and rebuild fire station	Advisory DPR heard 9-28-21 - Ongoing		
INACTIVE APPLICATIONS			
PROJECT LOCATION	PLAN STAGE	PROJECT LOCATION	PLAN STAGE
<u>221 Robinson St.</u> – Healey’s second floor residential project.	Incomplete Prelim. Application	<u>Plant Based Compassion Ctr.</u> – 91 Pershing Ave. – Med. Marijuana	On Hold by Applicant
<u>Lavender Waves Farm</u> – 3812 Rte. 1, DPR for Farm Events	On Hold by Applicant	<u>551 Liberty Lane</u> – South County Post & Beam industrial bldg. development	Reviewed at pre-app., awaiting next app.

8. UPDATE FROM STAFF ON PLANNING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:
9. NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS: Thursday, November 4, 2021
10. ADJOURNMENT: