

Town of Waterboro

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 29, 2009
Waterboro Town Hall Annex

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman, Chris Binette.

Roll Call: Sue Rocray, Leo Binette, Chris Binette, Dianne Holden, Doug Foglio, Sr., and Tammy Jo Girard, Selectperson; Tom Ursia; Town Planner. Guest: Brian Johnson

Approval of Minutes: Chris made the motion to accept the minutes of Oct. 1, 2009 as written. Leo seconded. Voted, passed.

Old Business:

Welcome Signs: Brian Johnson presented the Committee a welcome sign concept he created and would like to have considered in the selection process, at no cost to the Town. Leo made the motion to accept the sketch drawing and send it to the BoS along with the sketch, in blue, the Committee has already presented to them. Chris seconded. Voted, passed. Sel. Girard will deliver Mr. Johnson's sketch to the Board for their consideration. Chris to have Kerry DeAngelis send her sketch, in blue, to Sel. Girard.

At the October 29th. BoS Council Meeting, Chm. Binette presented the Board with 5 sketches to be considered for the welcome signs. The Board discussed having them put on the Town's website for the public to vote on.

New Business:

Commissioner John Richardson: Maine's Economic & Community Development head will be meeting with the BoS on November 10th. at 6:30 pm. They will also do a tour of the newest business to located in town, Howe & Howe Technologies.

SBA: Chris has made several contacts. The following ideas were discussed:

Open forum with SBA and Coastal Enterprises, Inc., a secondary loan option for businesses.

Suggested the Committee meet with each contact individually before doing a public forum.

Do a series of forums, ie: Start-up Business. Capital Improvement money available, etc.

Do a round table with our Committee that would be taped for public TV.

Do a scripted informational session to air on Channel 2, at no cost, similar to the Transfer Station's.

Contact businesses to be included on a list to be created as local resources.

Garden Club – Welcome Signs: Doug will contact a member of the Garden Club to see if the Club would be willing to take care of plantings.

Thought List:

Welcome Packets
Business Ambassador program
2010 Budget – Committee & Welcome Signs

Other Business: Tom stated that Howe & Howe Technologies will be moving into the Architectural Glazing building shortly with a short term lease to possible accusation. Need to do a master plan for more businesses, especially around their facility. Agreed by the Committee to let Tom meet with Doug Foglio, Sr., owner of the land surrounding Howe & Howe's facility.

Correspondence:

Chris past out copies of an e-mail he received from Pam Fay in regards to the Town signs.

Sel. Girard reported that the BoS is setting up Right to Know Law training for all Town Committee members.

Public Comment: None noted.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm made by Leo, seconded by Doug. Voted, passed.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Nov. 19, 4 PM, Town Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianne Holden, Secretary