

Cornwall Economic Development Commission

EDC Meeting

Minutes 4/09/19

AGENDA

Janet Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:00am. In attendance- Janet, Jacque, Kate, Simon, Richard Sears, Richard Bramley, Gordon, Priscilla, Todd, Bianca

March minutes approved unanimously.

Guest/Presentation

Potential EDC consultant Felicia Jones proceeded to lead Commission through a visioning exercise but it was decided as a group we need to educate ourselves on CDC then decide future steps and who should be involved. RS would like us to be further informed about CDC as a tool. Felicia, who has not countersigned contract, emphasized the bottom up nature of the proposal and how it could help utilize existing resources, find funding as a standalone.

Reports

- Kate -\$4,195 in budget, will need to discuss \$2 (+10% admin / grants 5%, her 5%) allotted to Felicia if we go forward with her consulting recommendations. Biz directory moving along. Kate is checking with Vera to double check all info correct.
- Todd - septic: A two steps forward moment. They are studying financing operations and are almost at the point to present to the Selectman for a vote. Polling indicates town as a whole is intrigued by the idea. Visioning is important aspect to achieve

highest and best works for community. Jim Fishman (correspondence) zeroed in on this aspect and needed infrastructure. Gordon mentioned P&Z preserving commercial.

- Priscilla / Gordon - Housing: Subcommittee submitting creative recommendations and possible solutions soon.

- Janet & Jacque - Marketing: CCS and Consider Cornwall / Bridge between Life and Work highlighting the balance between and offerings here will be rolling out end of spring. Design forward, the school rollout highlights our long recess, commitment to art, student leadership and strong community. Town push will focus on possibilities to work from home, embrace nature, be connected but rural. Looking at you, NYC and Boston.

- Gordon - Housing: Subcommittee is looking at multiple goals, creative housing solutions such as lot size restrictions, allowing multifamily dwellings, etc. Gordon is also speaking with a few interested private developers. State and federal funding is shifting so regulations must take into consider innovative approaches to meet needs.

Bianka - Existing Business - After providing a breakdown of expenses, budget of \$490 for upcoming event at Pottery Building was approved by all. Billed as a way to foster social and business connections, hear ideas how to strengthen. Evan from Civic Lift will present. Will finalize details at next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Co-working space
- Biz event - schedule and who will speak for EDC
- CDC and Felicia consideration

Adjourned, 10:15 am Next meeting is May 14th at 9am.