



Town of Walpole
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of Community & Economic Development

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MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
3/15/22

Present: Marc Romeo (Chair), Beth Pelick (Vice Chair), Ken Fettig, Margaret Kundert, Kevin Spendley

Absent: Dan O'Driscoll, Donnell Murphy, John Shalbey, Brian Connor,

Also present: Patrick Deschenes (Director of Community & Economic Development) and Harry Brousaides (Walpole Chamber Liaison)

Mr. Deschenes opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

BUSINESS:

1. Regional Restaurant Week

Mr. Deschenes discussed the upcoming regional restaurant week event to take place from 4/24/22 to 4/28/22. The Neponset River Regional Chamber of Commerce would be facilitating the event. This is to be the second year the event would take place and the first year to include Walpole.

2. Master Plan 2022

Mr. Deschenes provided a brief update on the Master Plan process. Mr. Deschenes stated that currently the steering committee was revising the proposed goals of the plan as well as an inventory of the Town's resources. Mr. Deschenes stated that a second community forum would be upcoming in April.

3. Main Street Live

Mr. Deschenes stated that the purpose of discussing Main Street Live now would be to begin to plan for fall event and to schedule a subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Romeo stated that he would like to hold off scheduling a subcommittee meeting at this time until more of the committee would be available to discuss.

Mr. Romeo and Ms. Pelick discussed the tentative date for Main Street Live 2022 as being September 16, 2022

4. Department Updates

Mr. Deschenes provided the Commission with an overview of all ongoing projects including two mixed-use residential proposals at 173 High Plain Street and at the old East Walpole Clock Tower site.

Mr. Deschenes also provide the Commission on the status of the ongoing 40B housing developments including the Dupee Street 40B project and the Burns Avenue 40B Modification project. Both 40B development were within remand hearings ordered by the DHCD's Housing Appeals Committee.

OPEN FORUM:

1. MINUTES (1/18/21):

MOTION by Mr. Fettig and seconded by Ms. Pelick to approve the minutes from 1/18/22
The motion passed 4-0-1 (Mr. Romeo abstained).

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Fettig and seconded by Ms. Pelick to adjourn.
The motion carried all in favor 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Deschenes