



**Economic Development Commission  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM  
Room 112, Walpole Town Hall**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:**

Members: Mark Romeo (Chairman), Donnell Murphy, Ken Fettig, Harry Brousaides, Brian Connor, Patrick Shield, Assistant Town Administrator, and Ashley Clark, Community Planning Director

**Absent:**

Beth Pelick, Paul Millette, John Hasenjaeger, Mike McGrath, Rick Shields

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Chairman Romeo called a work session to order at 5:10 PM.

**Review & Approve Minutes:**

There were no meeting minutes presented for review and approval.

**New Business:**

The Board discussed hosting a business forum on November 14, 2019 at the Walpole Country Club. Members were supportive of the event consisting of a meet and greet with representatives from Town Hall to be available to answer questions and provide information to guests.

The Board discussed the opportunity to have guest speakers and to grant awards to the new business of the year and business of the year.

Mr. Fettig suggested each member commit to calling a set number of people to let people know about the event.

The Board stated that the goals of the event were to bring the business community together and to provide education opportunities to business owners, especially as they relate to town resources and navigating processes.

There was no formal action taken on this item.

**Old Business:**

The Board then recapped the Main Street Live event held in September and reviewed the 2019 Entertainment Expenses/Budget sheet.

The Board discussed exploring ways to improve sales for alcohol at future events by looking at the existing state and local laws on liquor licensing.

The Board then discussed scheduling a workshop after town meeting to discuss town process, development applications, their mission statement and creating a strategy to implement their long-term commission goals.

Patrick Shield then introduced Ashley Clark, the new Community and Economic Development Director.

Ms. Clark stated provided a brief overview of her background and stated that she looks forward to working with the commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Materials Reviewed:**

2019 Entertainment Expenses/Budget from Walpole Main Street Live