



**Economic Development Commission  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM  
Room 112, Walpole Town Hall**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:**

Chairman Marc Romeo, Donnell Murphy, Ken Fettig, John Hasenjaeger, Brian Connor, Harry Brousaides, Kevin Spendley, Beth Pellick and Community Development Director, Ashley Clark

**Absent:**

Paul Staz

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Chairman Romeo called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

- Discussion with Bad Dog Realty Trust re: parking regulations

The Commission did not discuss this item.

- Discuss draft letter RE: 2180 Boston Providence Hwy application to construct a hotel – recommendation to ZBA, possible vote

The Commission was in support of the hotel on Route 1. Ms. Clark to forward a letter of support to the ZBA.

- Discussion on allocation of Main Street Live proceeds on downtown area and developing a spending plan for future proceeds

The Commission discussed how they wanted proceeds to be spent. The Commission felt that investing money in tangible improvements was preferred and ideally investing in opportunities that will produce more income.

- Discussion on 2020 Downtown Technical Assistance Application

The Commission discussed with Sarah Khatib, Walpole Downtown Partnership, about an application to the state for funding a consultant to draft sign design guidelines. The Commission was in support of the application and would consider providing financial support to signage and façade updates.

- Inclusionary Housing Zoning articles

The Commission discussed the proposed articles. Mr. Hasenjaeger voiced opposition to the inclusionary zoning, stating that this is a form of communism. He argued that it was unfair to put this burden on the private developer community. The Commission generally concurred with Mr. Hasenjaeger's sentiments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ashley Clark

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Date