

EDC Minutes 5/26/ 2020

Present: Marc Romeo, Beth Pelick, Donnell Murphy, Brian Connor, Kevin Spendley, John Hasenjaeger  
Romeo opened the meeting at 5PM

**Business:**

- **Discussion of the process impending reopening of restaurants and outdoor seating:**

Murphy went over the restaurant seating procedures introduced due to Covid-19, the Commission was on board with what was being proposed. Romeo had questions regarding occupancy that have not yet been addressed. Murphy stated that he'd like to see the outdoor dining and liquor licenses be valid from April 1st thru October 31<sup>st</sup>, and that now would be a great time to put those bylaws into place, provided that everything goes smoothly during this trial period. Connor raised the question if the EDC could group together/ coordinate all of the restaurants that would need outdoor seating, tents and tables for the purpose of ordering/ renting in bulk, in order to reduce the pricing on the restaurants. Romeo stated that'd be a good idea, and recommended talking to the restaurant owners about this topic. EDC would like to touch base with Community Development Director, Ashley Clark, and revisit at the next meeting.

- **Discussion of Main Street Live status and options:**

Romeo stated that if they cannot make a decision by June to hold the Main Street Live events, it may be hard to pull off this year in general. Spendley recommended that the Commission wait to see what the second phase of re-opening entails, and make a decision at that point in time. This topic will be re-visited in June EDC meetings. Romeo suggested the Commission look into funding opportunities that may help small businesses (nail/ hair salons, restaurants, florists) in Walpole over the next week or so would be beneficial project that could be revisited at the next meeting.

- **Discussion of current mission and focus of EDC and formulate recommendations to Walpole Select Board:**

Romeo stated that this agenda item is more for their regular meeting, and that the Commission should formulate their mission, along with some ideas to discuss with the Select Board, and to see if they are in alignment with what the Select Board has in mind for the Commission.

- **Discussion of need and/or appointment of a current member as "EDC Clerk" to perform clerical duties as defined:**

Not discussed.

**Open Forum:** N/A

Murphy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Romeo, the meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

**Accepted 7/14/20**