



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

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*Community & Economic  
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**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**8/17/21**

Present: Marc Romeo, Meg Kundert, John Shalbey, Daniel O'Driscoll, Beth Pelick, Ken Fettig, Harry Boursaides (EDC Liaison), Patrick Deschenes (Director of Community & Economic Development)

Absent: Brian Connor, Kevin Spendley, Donnell Murphy

Mr. Romeo opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Main Street Live Discussion:

Mr. Deschenes updated the Commission on the event, and stated that there are six food trucks that will be participating at the event, as well as an ice cream vendor. Mr. Deschenes spoke on creating an FAQ for the vendors to address any questions they may have (arrival time/parking/ key contacts, etc.), in which Mr. Romeo volunteered to be the main point of contact for the day of the event.

Mr. Romeo expressed the need for sponsors, and Mr. O'Driscoll expressed his idea of potentially getting volunteers to work the event while wearing shirts that sponsor a town business. Romeo expressed the need for people to check I.D.'s, selling/redeeming tickets/ setting up/ disassembling/ tending bar. Mr. Romeo also expressed the need to have a lead person present at every bar area mitigation in the event that a problem arises.

Mr. Deschenes asked the timeline of the close down of Main St. and stage setup, in which Mr. Romeo stated that 12:00 P.M. for road closure and stage setup. Mr. Romeo and Mrs. Pelick suggested that Mr. Deschenes speak with the police department relating to barriers placed on the backside of the stage for extra safety precautions. One day liquor licenses and insurance for the Town for the event were discussed.

Mr. Romeo stated that he is currently in negotiations with three bands for the live music. Mr. Romeo stated that he had reached out to a charity group in Walpole that focuses on ALS, and would like the group to be present at Main Street Live and potentially have a 50/50 raffle or sell t-shirts to create awareness of the charity. Mr. O'Driscoll discussed concerns over potential complications of supporting one specific charity at the event, since in the past, the Commission has steered clear of charity related events at Main Street Live. The option of having debit/credit as a way of payment was discussed versus just accepting cash for tickets, etc.

Mr. Romeo stated that he'd like to have an EDC meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. for the purposes of going over and finalizing the Main Street Live event.

**OPEN FORUM:**

1. **MINUTES:** 7/20/21: minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Mrs. Pelick motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Shalbey, the motion carried 6-0-0 (Romeo, Fetting, Shalbey, Kundert, O'Driscoll, Pelick)

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Amy Messier, Administrative Assistant