



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

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MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
9/7/21

Present: Donnell Murphy, John Shalbey, Daniel O'Driscoll, Ken Fettig, Brian Connor, Kevin Spendley, Harry Brousaides (EDC Liaison), Patrick Deschenes (Director of Community & Economic Development)

Absent: Marc Romeo, Meg Kundert, Beth Pelick

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

BUSINESS:

1. Main Street Live Discussion:

Mr. Murphy stated that all permitting had been secured and that the majority of the work left to do had been taken care of. Mr. Murphy stated that there would be three restroom locations, three hand washing stations, and three bar stations.

Mr. Murphy asked about the status of the food vendors. Mr. Deschenes stated the 9 confirmed food vendors available for Main Street Live.

Mr. Murphy stated that Mr. Romeo had secured the stage and bands and that the barricades for the common would be dropped off the night before. Mr. Murphy also stated that set up would take place during the day of the event.

Mr. Murphy asked the Board about volunteers and confirmed everyone's involvement. Mr. Murphy also discussed possible shifts for the volunteers to work the bars and ticket booths.

Mr. Murphy stated that he felt if the weather was good they could expect a good turnout of attendees. Mr. Murphy invited the whole Board to attend the Town Department meeting taking place during the day on 9/8/21.

The Commission discussed the potential of using credit card purchases for tickets at a few locations but would predominantly accept ticket payments in cash.

Mr. Deschenes asked about placement of food vendors other than food trucks. Mr. Murphy that in the past they usually kept the local vendors on the portion of the common closer to the "santa house" location.

2. Master Plan Steering Committee:

Mr. Deschenes stated that the Planning Board was looking for a representative from the commission to the Master Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Deschenes also stated that at an earlier meeting the commission had voted to appoint Meg Kundert to this position.

Mr. Deschenes also addressed the Business Owner At-Large position. Mr. Murphy asked about the time commitment for the expected meetings of the steering committee. Mr. Deschenes explained the meeting schedule and anticipated time commitment.

Mr. Brousaides arrived at 5:18 P.M.

MOTION to appoint Meg Kundert at the EDC's representative by Mr. Spendley, seconded by Mr. Shalbey, motion carried all in favor 6-0-0.

OPEN FORUM:

1. MINUTES:

MOTION to approve the minutes from 7/20/21 by Mr. Shalbey, seconded by Mr. Spendley, motion carried 4-0-2. Mr. Shalbey, Mr. Spendley, Mr. Fettig, and Mr. O'Driscoll voted in favor and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Conner abstained.

MOTION to approve the minutes from 8/17/21 by Mr. Fettig, seconded by Mr. O'Driscoll, motion carried 4-0-2. Mr. Shalbey, Mr. Spendley, Mr. Fettig, and Mr. O'Driscoll voted in favor and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Conner abstained.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Fettig, seconded by Mr. O'Driscoll, the motion carried all in favor 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Deschenes, Director