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SEIC Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019 – Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich, MA

In attendance: Dick Johnson, Charlie Ritch, Daryl Crossman, Mike Miller, Joanne Westerhouse, Jeff Picard, Doug Cabral and Sandy Scannell

Guests: Tao Wolf, Mark Wisentaner, and Paul Gately

Staff: Leanne Drake

5:30 PM The meeting was called to order by President Dick Johnson

Daryl moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting, second by Charlie, unanimously approved.

Charlie submitted the financial report for review with no changes from last month. Charlie recommended that the SEIC conduct a fund raising event this summer to bring attention to activities of the SEIC and put a few dollars in our account. A boat trip with dinner was discussed. Dick stated that Army Corps of Engineers would approve as long as it benefited the military or veteran activity. Hank volunteered to chair the event and be assisted by Sandy, Charlie, Dick, and Joanne. Mike moved approval of the financial report, second by Hank, unanimously approved.

Under new business Dick presented a draft of the presentation that would be presented to Union Studios as part of the Delta Grant. Dick indicated that he needed a plan that was used for the Tiger Grant for the Power Point presentation and asked Leanne to help get a copy for the presentation for lay out and costs. Dick further explained that the presentation would prioritize the importance of a partnership with Mass Development for the South Sandwich Village Center with infrastructure improvements and sale of land in phases with shared revenues with the town. He said that the DELTA grant would study Rte. 130 from Jan Sebastian to Snake Pond Road for infrastructure and zoning. Charlie stressed that marketing would help identify the type of companies seeking to be in Sandwich and that permitting was very important to the private sector. In addition Charlie stated that Sandwich's location would attract many companies. Doug outlined that a road map permitting process needed to be developed for private development to make their investment in Sandwich. Dick informed the board that private land will be included in the study and that the creation of a District Improvement Financing (DIF) should be included in the recommendation for entire area including land owned by Skip Landers, Mark Wisentaner, Tom Tsakalos, HAC, and other private land owners. Charlie explained that the town needed to know what the private land owners wanted to do with their land. Leanne stated that they would be invited to all the Work Shops to find out their vision for their property. Mike informed the SEIC that the town had set aside land for wastewater disposal which was critical for development. Dick also stated that the Master plan needed to be updated in order to get a grant. Daryl mentioned that everything was dependent about wastewater and town approval of the WIIF. Dick added that a Mass Works should be applied for which would tie in the High School, new public safety facility, Oak Ridge School, and businesses along Cotuit Road and Jan Sebastian. Dick provided the board with a communication from Congressman Keating's office identifying grants available for wastewater projects and informed the board that Bourne had received over \$2 million for wastewater. Mike stated after we get WIIF we need someone to put all the grants together. Dick acknowledged that we may get some staffing from the Mass Development Grant. Mike stated that there were many other capital needs such as senior center, town hall in addition to wastewater.



Under old business Leanne informed the board that the RFP for the Wing School would go out in May and that a meeting would be held on Thursday to finalize.

Dick presented the board with a copy of the Planning Grant that Yarmouth had submitted to Mass Development for planning purposes.

Doug informed the board that the Chamber was going through a process to select a new executive director and that the selection would be finalized by the end of June. He also informed the board that the Sandwich Fest was well under way and that 20 booths remained available.

Mike informed the board that Doug Lap was a finalist for the town manager's job in Rockland and that there would be an open house for citizens to tour the Santander building on Saturday morning.

Joanne informed the board that there would be an open house of the new Art's Alliance Center at 124 Rte. 6 on May 30.

Sandy informed the board that there was an issue with fences along the board walk and beech and signage and referred it to Leanne for corrective action.

Under public input Mark Wisentaner asked whether a position for economic development would come up for consideration at Town Meeting. Mike said the timing is bad but there certainly is a need.

Motion to adjourned was by made Jeff, seconded by Joanne, unanimously approved.

Approved
Stephen Johnson
President May 20, 2019