



**Town of Barnstable
Planning & Development Department
Barnstable Economic Development Task Force
Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2019**

Members Present: Alison Maloney (Chair), Matthew Eddy, Mark Sexton, Chuck Carey, Roy Catignani, Paul Niedzwiecki

Members Absent: Beth Marcus, Bob Cody, Dan Ojala, Jason Siscoe,

Staff: Gloria McPherson – Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, Jennifer Engelsen – Office Manager, Planning and Development Department

Others: Elizabeth Wurfain – Hyannis Business Improvement District, George Durante – Mass Development, Jake Dewey and John Carey, Peter Burke – Chief, Hyannis Fire Department

Alison calls the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. Chuck introduces John Carey and Jake Dewey. Roy made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Matt, all in favor.

Alison introduces George Durante from Mass Development. George is the TDI Senior Regional Fellow. TDI (Transformative Development Initiative). The east end has been designated as a TDI district. TDI is a state program to accelerate revitalization of an area. Barnstable is part of a pilot program to set the table for long term revitalization. George talked about four initiatives:

-) TDI Partnership
-) Year round housing
-) Small business support
-) Multi-model connectivity

Alison informed the group that the Permit Coordinator position has been filled. Maggie Flynn who was the assistant in Licensing won everyone's approval during the interview process. Inviting Maggie to a meeting was mentioned.

A subcommittee for housing was formed with the members being Matt, Ali and Chuck. How do we create more housing? If we build it, will they come due to the cost of housing and wages earned? Developers need to be seeking incentives. Housing is a very big issue that needs to be tackled. What can we get done quickly?

Alison shared that other towns have a use regulation table for zoning which makes it very easy to know what can be done where. Zoning in Barnstable is not written clearly.

Roy updated the group on the subcommittee for water access. Transient mooring's, additional mooring's, remapping and access to waterfront are the topics being looked at by the group.

Dan was not at the meeting so groundwater issues were not discussed.

Who is the Town Council Liaison for the group? Alison will speak with Councilor Cullum. Chuck shared that he emailed Town Manager, Mark Ells for direction and he is waiting to hear back.

Jake Dewey talked about short term rentals. Councilors are responding to the public and businesses are not being heard. Barnstable does not have nice hotels and people rather rent a nice house in Osterville. Jake does not see a lot of positivity coming from the councilors. Gloria informed group that data is being collected; a survey was sent out to each civic association in town. There is a Zoning and Regulation Subcommittee that meets weekly. How do we regulate short-term rentals? Jake does not want Barnstable to be that town on the Cape that nobody wants to visit because we cannot have short-term rentals. A short-term rental is 30 or 31 days or less from a tax point. A rental certificate may be required in many towns.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Roy and seconded by Matt. Meeting closed at 1:40PM. Next meeting to be held on January 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Engelsen – Planning and Development Department