

Holliston Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2018

Present: Chairman Peter Barbieri, Susan Russo, Lisa Zais, and Matt Coletti. Also present was Town Administrator Jeff Ritter. David Thorn was absent.

Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room (#105) of Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Coletti, seconded by Mrs. Russo, with all in favor, the members approved the minutes of June 7, 2018 as drafted.

General Business:

1. **Downtown Updates:** Mr. Ritter provided an update on the traffic signal installation project. Work is completed except for the mid-block mast arm removal. Activation is slated for next week. It was noted that America in Bloom judges will be in Town next week and the community clean-up is scheduled for this weekend. Bobby Blair was present in the audience and was given kudos for the committee's efforts. No updates on the status of 9 Green Street were available.
2. **Business and Community Guide:** Draft copy from GDP Publishing was reviewed.
3. **Nuisance By-Law and Sign & Façade Program Review:** Members reviewed the Town of Framingham By-Law, Article V "Health and Safety" and discussed the need for a general by-law. Issues of defining subjective terms such as blight, dilapidated, and nuisance followed. Further discussion of pursuit of a sign & façade program followed. Mr. Ritter offered July 30th as a potential meeting date with the Board of Selectmen. Notice of the discussion should be provided to the Holliston Business Association and shared on Facebook.
4. **General Business:** Mr. Coletti noted the presence of a Facebook Group called "Holliston Business Happenings" with 1000 members that could be used for feedback on any number of issues.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sherman
Town Planner