

Holliston Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019

Present: Chairman Peter Barbieri, Matt Coletti, Lisa Zais and Susan Russo. 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 Lisa Zais, seconded by Matt Coletti, the members approved the minutes of February 13, 2019, as drafted. On a vote of 3-0-1, Susan Russo abstaining.

General Business:

1. **Organization:** The Chair called for an expression of any interest in the positions of Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee. Matt Coletti expressed interest, however, he was uncertain of his time commitment and agreed to accept the position of Vice-Chair. No other expressions of interest were expressed. On a motion by Susan Russo, seconded by Lisa Zais, the Committee voted to elect Peter Barbieri as Chair and Matthew Coletti as Vice-Chair. Vote of 4-0.
2. **Downtown Updates:** Jeff Ritter reported that the Board of Selectmen had approved the establishment of a Green Street Committee. The composition of which would include a member of the Economic Development Committee. The charge of the Committee was to present a report regarding the various options such as:
 - (a) Do nothing;
 - (b) Acquire the property and redevelop;
 - (c) Redevelop for parking, or
 - (d) Resell after acquisition.

Matt Coletti expressed interest in serving as the representative from the Committee, however, he noted a potential conflict as to the timing. Lisa Zais also expressed an interest in serving on the Committee and agreed to be an alternate to the Committee. On a motion by Susan Russo, seconded by Peter Barbieri, Matt Coletti was elected as the representative of the Committee to serve on the 9 Green Street Committee with Lisa Zais being an alternate. Vote of 4-0.

The Chairman noted that the Blair Square Study Committee, through the Board of Selectmen, filed a grant request for the construction of the trail and a parking area behind Casey's Crossing. The Committee had previously agreed to support improvements to the area, including parking.

3. **Business Grant Program:** Matt Coletti updated the Committee on the review of the proposed Grant Program by the Finance Committee, which had accepted the revised terms

of the Town Meeting article. The article is proposed for the Annual Town Meeting in May. The Committee on a motion by Lisa Zais, seconded by Matt Coletti, voted to support the article at Town Meeting. Jeff Ritter advised that the Committee was invited to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at which time the Grant Program will be discussed.

4. **Zoning/Planning Applications:** The Chairman reported that the only pending Application in regard to a business within the Town was a request for the use of 200 Summer Street for a kennel. The Board decided to take no action on the request.

In regard to the Zoning/Planning Applications, the Chairman briefly described the proposed zoning amendments pending before the Planning Board. The Committee decided to take no action on the proposed zoning amendments.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. on a motion by Matt Coletti, seconded by Lisa Zais. Vote of 4-0. The next meeting was scheduled for April 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Barbieri

Approved April 10, 2019