

**Holliston Economic Development Committee**  
**December 8, 2021 – Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

- The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Legislation. A roll call vote of Members present was taken.
  - Present: Chairman Matt Coletti, Glen Brown, Christine Carosella, John Drohan and Patrick Hafford
  - Absent: David Thorn
  - Also in attendance: Travis Ahearn

**Budget/Staffing/Membership:**

- Does someone from EDC need to attend the meeting to present the budget? Typically, yes, someone attends. Travis can present on our behalf as needed.
- Membership: is there an age restriction? Travis shared that he believes members need to be a registered voter to vote. Matt presents idea to perhaps have high school student join as a member.
- Budget: Glenn asks if our EDC budget could be used for Envisioning Future of Holliston mailings or promotion of committee survey. Travis said that we've opened up the way our budget is structured, and the group can decide. Matt asks if there is a way to use the mailer for mutual benefits? Glenn comments that he doesn't think the Envisioning Future of Holliston group would be open promoting committee. Glenn will come back with more information for a motion at our next meeting.

**Downtown Discussion:**

- **ARPA Request:** Matt asks Travis is there is guidance for the ARPA committee request. Travis next step is to put our request to the LRRP and ask for the specific requests that we should be asking for. Travis to send LRRP document to EDC and is meeting with LRRP to ask for recommendations on grants.

**Member Reports:**

- **LRRP update:** Matt suggests that we prioritize wastewater to get sewer to downtown and then use ARPA requests for foot traffic requests. Travis shares that it doesn't have to be an either/or. LRRP report on website. Travis to send central street section to group. Action for group – review LRRP request, compare against our request, and determine if there is anything that needs to change.
- **EDC grant program:** no update
- **Envisioning Future of Holliston:** EDC should think about questions to include in the economic section of the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> survey
- **EDC website / directory:** Reached out to Chris to get a report of business listings
- **Grant opportunities:** no updates

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#### **Other Business:**

- Nuisance and Blight: Matt provides update on Gulf station. Matt attempted contact with owner, 2 letters and email to the attorney. Attorney did not seem amenable to connecting EDC with owner.
- New Business:
  - Matt to work with Bird & Bear collective with idea for town tote bag. Matt

#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Coletti  
Chairman