



Town of Barnstable
Growth Management Department
Economic Development Commission

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**BEDC Meeting Minutes - Draft
November 26, 2013**

Members present: Chris Kehoe, Hartley Johnson, David Wood, Alan Feltham,
Jeannine Marshall

Absent: Jeff Craddock, Sara Cushing, Roy Richardson

Meeting called to order at 8 am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2013 – A motion was made by Hartley Johnson, seconded by Alan Feltham, to approve the minutes of October 22, 2013. So voted to approve.

Discussion on home based businesses – Chris stated that he has comprised a list of small home based businesses that he intends to discuss with Peter Karlson of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce based on Mr. Karlson's presentation at the last meeting on the availability of the chamber's entrepreneurial resources.

There was continued discussion on types of businesses or industries to focus on for creation and expansion of job opportunities in Barnstable. Alan stated that we first need to determine what our unique advantage is for locating a business in town.

Jeannine offered to call Massecon regarding the research they have done in relation to the Cape's ranking for location of new business development.

Jeannine also stated that she sees the town "setting the table" to bring businesses here, not necessarily marketing to businesses. Growth Management does a great deal of that already.

There was discussion regarding the 10,000 square foot threshold. It was suggested that Jo Anne Buntich come to a future meeting of the BEDC to explain the threshold and the GIZ. Alan asked that GMD also discuss what they are looking at as priorities for economic development.

Hartley suggested that the committee review the town's fee schedule.

Alan agreed to review the step by step process for starting a business in Barnstable for discussion at the next meeting.

Board/Committee/Commission Updates

Water Board – David Wood – The board voted to ask for reconsideration on funds from the meals and room tax that had previously been denied for a study on sewerage for Hyannis Port which is considered one of the most critical areas.

Chair

Christopher Kehoe

Vice Chair

Alan Feltham

Members

Jeffrey Craddock
Sara Cushing
Hartley Johnson
Jeannine Marshall
Royden Richardson
David Wood

Town Council Liaison

Jennifer Cullum

Airport Commission – Hartley Johnson – Projects include runway improvements, fuel storage issues, space to market. They are talking to Cape Cod Community College regarding curricula for aircraft mechanic training and are talking to airlines regarding contractual dealings.

A motion was made by Hartley Johnson, seconded by David Wood, to move the BEDC meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Selectmen’s Conference Room. Unanimously voted to approve.

Coastal Community Capital – Jeannine Marshall – Jeannine stated that CCC presented an FDIC workshop series in conjunction with Cape Cod Five “Smart Money for Small Business” which was very successful.

School Committee – Alan Feltham – Alan will talk to the Cape Cod Community College president and the Barnstable Superintendent of Schools regarding attending a future meeting of the BEDC.

Town Council – Chris Kehoe – Voted to renew Town Manager’s contract and to keep the tax rate at a factor of one.

Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce – Chris Kehoe – Liza Cox is the current chair; Chris is vice chair; Cheryl Walsh is the treasurer.

Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District – Chris Kehoe – The BID is making progress in helping chronically homeless people in downtown Hyannis. A group is travelling by bus on December 13th to Salem MA to look at their campus for the homeless population.

Public Comment

Hank Farnham – West Barnstable – Town Council will be working on their strategic plan and it is time for this committee to take action. Need to lobby the Council to move economic development up as a priority.

Phil Wallace – West Barnstable – The Town Council needs to have quality of life at the top of their strategic plan, not finance as it is currently.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Watson
Administrative Assistant

Next BEDC meeting scheduled for January 28, 2014 at 3 pm

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