



**Town of Barnstable
Planning & Development Department
Barnstable Economic Development Task Force
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2019**

Members Present: Mark Sexton, Roy Catignani, Bob Cody, Dan Ojala, Terri Ahern, James H. Crocker, Jr.

Members Absent: Alison Maloney (Chair), Chuck Carey, Beth Marcus, Jason Siscoe, Matthew Eddy, Andy Clyburn – Assistant Manager of the Town of Barnstable

Staff: Elizabeth Jenkins - Director of Planning and Development, Mike Trovato – Economic Development Specialist, Arden Cardrin, Housing Coordinator, Jennifer Engelsen – Office Manager, Planning and Development Department

Mark Sexton called the Economic Development Task Force meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Mark welcomed the group and our two guest speakers, David Augusthino – Executive Director, Cape & Islands Workforce Board and Chris Adams – Chief of Staff, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce / Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation.

Our first presentation was done by David where he identified potential growth areas: Finance, Healthcare, Home Health and Construction. Mark had asked how data was collected and David shared that he pays for the data. Terri said the data is comparable to what the hospital sees.

The second presentation by Chris and he discussed the Cape Cod Blue Economy Project. He presented a short video where growth sectors were identified: Marine and Science, Energy, Coastal Resilience, Renewable Energy, Wastewater and Ocean Farming. We have to find a way to speak to the younger population about educate them on the opportunities.

Members discussed the challenges and barriers to access water here in town. Roy explained the difficulty of coming into town due to lack of moorings. Chris made a comment regarding accessing water, challenging due to ramp size. Commercial access is an issue because most harbors are recreational, additional commercial slips would be beneficial.

Bob spoke about linking the GIZ with small manufacturing opportunities. High tech, leverage incubator space and start building. We need to start to think beyond where we are now. What can be done instead of that has always been done?

Mark said we need to start recruiting business to come here for higher paying jobs. High cost of living, home values, job opportunities construction costs are barriers.

We need to reduce the friction and be open to new ideas!

Public Comment: none

Next Meeting: April 19, 2019 at 12:00 PM

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 1:40 PM was made by

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Engelsen – Planning and Development Department