

BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES: Tuesday – October 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Jon Miller at 7:00 PM. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by the Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jon Miller.

Roll Call:

	Danielle Corso	Matt Edson	Renee Gioiello	Jon Miller	Rob Perotti
Present		X	X	X	X
Absent	X				

Also In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson
Present		X
Absent	X	

Recording of Hours:

Danielle Corso - Absent Matt Edson – 4 Renee Gioiello – 3 Jon Miller – 8 Rob Perotti – 6

Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2020:

Mr. Edson made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes; the motion was second by Mr. Perotti. All in favor, no opposed.

Old Business:

Chairman Jon Miller welcomed everyone and gave a brief summary of where the Committee left off prior to COVID. He stated that the committee was trying to get “Restaurant Week” going, we were talking about the water ferry as usual, and Joanne McAndrew was preparing a certificate to be presented to Sal of The Grapevine. He then stated that the council meeting where the presentation was to occur was canceled; which was the first one to be canceled due to COVID.

New Business:

Mr. Miller stated “Restaurant Week” isn’t going to happen right now, or for the rest of the year. We hope we can help the restaurants and push for this in the spring. Mr. Miller presented the thought of a “Tuckerton Gift Card” where the money stays in the town. The card would be used at participating businesses and then the business would submit to be paid. There was discussion with regard to another town having this gift card and Mr. Miller stated he would look into this and bring the information to the next meeting.

Public Forum:

Councilmember Peterson stated for future planning, he would like the EDC to contact the County about Tip Seaman Park for time requirements and all with regard to what has to be done in order to use the park for Tuckerton Day. Mr. Miller stated he will contact the County and report back with the information.

Members Forum: Mr. Miller asked Mr. Edson on a report on the water ferry. Mr. Edson stated that he is now on the board at The Seaport. He stated that it has been a very difficult year for the seaport because almost all of their money comes from the festivals. So that has taken a lot of money out of the operating budget. They are operating with limited staff, with no grounds keeping. The ferry is the only thing that has really been kept moving there and to some extent has made money, and that is due to the sponsors that are donating toward the operation of the ferry, more so than the passenger tickets. The ferry was limited as to the number of passengers, the 24 passenger ferry was able to have 8 passengers. A discussion continued with regard to the cost of operating the ferry. He also stated the Tea Room will be opening again this coming week, and business appears to be very good for the Union Market. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Edson for the report. There was a discussion about Tuckerton Beach Grille closing and how the committee would be able to assist a new owner.

Mr. Miller made a motion to cancel the November Economic Development Committee Meeting, the motion was second by Renee Gioiello. All in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Edson mentioned that starting November 2nd his business will be offering pet supply and grooming.

Mr. Miller mentioned his business improvements are finished. A discussion occurred with regard to abatement for business renovation. Mr. Miller stated it is a great incentive to businesses.

Approval of Secretary Services:

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Danielle Corso				X
X		Matt Edson	X			
	X	Renee Gioiello	X			
		Jon Miller	X			
		Rob Perotti	X			

Adjournment – Chairman at 7:48 PM

Motion by Rob Perotti, second by Matt Edson, all in favor-none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

April D. Elley, EDC Secretary