

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 5, 2017**

Chairman, Jon Miller, called the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, DECEMBER 5, 2017 at 7:25 pm at the Borough Hall.

### **SUNSHINE STATEMENT:**

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with as notice was published to the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press stating the time, date and place of this meeting.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

The following members were in attendance:  
Jon Miller, Tim Hart, Nedeane Maddox, Rob Perotti

Jon Miller led the salute to the flag.

### **MINUTES:**

Rob Perotti moved, seconded by Jon Miller that the November 14, 2017, meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee at 7:05 PM.

Nedean Maddox abstained, she was absent for the November meeting.

**RECORDING OF HOURS:**

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2017 for the month of NOVEMBER 2017 are as follows: Economic Development Committee recognizes their members' donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of monthly meetings and available workshops /seminars.

Tim Hart	7.0	Nedean Maddox	14 .0
Jon Miller	8.0	Rob Perotti	8.0

**CHAIRMANS FORUM:**

Jon Miller informed members he had attended the Water-Ferry (\*note name change) meeting today at the Chamber along with Lori and Kate, Mayor Marshall, Beach Haven, Council and 2 representatives from the County. It was a very good meeting. Jon attended in place of Nedean Maddox today. Brooke Salvanto, representing the Seaport was also in attendance.

An update to the project, is the use of the Taylor Avenue docks in Beach Haven. This will bring the public to the middle of town, instead of using Morrisons Dock. There are more restaurants in that area. The Seaport docks will be used in Tuckerton.

There was a review of the budget; they spoke about ideas for raising revenue for the project. They addressed advertising on the boat that can be sold to local businesses, and the sale of liquor and contracts were reviewed. There was a disagreement about charging a fee. They would like to keep the fares free of charge. They discussed offering 8 trips per day with a \$5 charge. and coverage for the cost of insurance. Brooke agreed to research these costs. They discussed if the ride was free of charge,

the possibilities of vessel being full to capacity would create a "Buzz" and positive notes

Grants are available for this project, but research is needed. An Environmental Grant would be provided as car emissions and fuel would be conserved.

Beach Haven representatives do not want to offer this ride on the weekends. They feel the community is better served by week days.

Tuckerton representatives agree to weekends to help a working community.

Costs of this ride include payment for a Captain, tour guide, and the craft.

Tim Hart related the day-trippers traffic on Saturday and Sunday. Nedeane Maddox discussed families rentals for the week, and Rob Perotti brought up the "boat ride" for locals and visitors. These are all topics for further discussion.

Jon Miller suggested an "Educational" tour would solve the requirement for an educational grant. Nedeane suggested "Uber" as a back up plan for emergencies.

Tim Hart related there is a large demand for nature tours and suggested to search for a good used vessel that can be used for other projects.

Rob Perotti suggested offering a student pass.

Jon Miller informed that Thursday, Beach Haven Council meeting will discuss results of the survey, Dr. Tyrel spoke about at an EDC previous meeting. EDC members are invited. Meeting begins at 4:00 pm, at 401 Pelham Avenue, the Coast Guard Center. They will speak about the economic redevelopment zone and addressing vacant buildings.

Jon announced that there will be a meeting at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday, January 10th at 8:15 AM by Economist speaker, Dr. Tyrell of Stockton university.

Tim Hart suggested offering a package Lunch and Golf at Sea Oaks to attract people from the Island to Tuckerton. Nedeane suggested bicycle rentals, and a kiosk for surf boards and sporting ideas.

Members discussed a tax abatement program to draw more businesses into the community, the benefits of commercial development and jobs.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The sign on the GSP has not been replaced. It is still down

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Members discussed finances and their agreement to put in \$1000 toward the water-ferry project. They put in a request to withdraw funds from their budget. Members want more transparency of monthly statements for our boards concerning our budget.

The 2018 budget is currently being put together. We need to discuss how much we are willing to contribute and to put into our budget NOW. EDC is requesting a \$6,000 budget.

The Water-Ferry project is asking for \$10,000 from the chamber, a set amount from the county, \$2,000 from Tuckerton and \$8,000 from Beach Haven.

Councilman, Ron Peterson related he will help with logistics and for making a formal request.

Rob asked about personal donations. Tim Hart related pledges are significant

## **MEMBERS FORUM:**

*Tim Hart made a request to formally ask council to make a special account with \$5,000 earmarked for the "water-taxi". This would be separate from EDC's regular budget and account.*

Tim Hart made a motion, Rob Perotti seconded the motion for the allotment of \$5,000 from EDC toward the Water-Ferry service. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Peterson will discuss this motion with Councilman Schwartz and Jenny Gleghorn, Municipal Clerk.

Tim Hart stated it is critical to find a contact to search for a vessel.  
Rob related he has a contact and will speak with him to advise us in a direction.

Rob announced the Christmas Walk will be Saturday evening.

**Public:**

Councilman, Ron Peterson was in attendance at our meeting tonight.

**INVOICE:**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Tim Hart that the invoice in the amount of \$75 for secretarial services for the month of DECEMBER 2017 be paid to Secretary, Susan Maguire. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Rob Perotti, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:55 PM.

All voted Aye.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Maguire, Secretary  
Economic Development Committee