

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Chairman, Jon Miller, called the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 at 7:02 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:

Nedeane Maddox moved, seconded by Tim Hart that the Jan 9, 2018, meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee at 7:04 PM.

RECORDING OF HOURS:

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2018 for the month of JAN 2018 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	4.0	Nedean Maddox	5 .0
Jon Miller	8.0	Rob Perotti	8 .0

CHAIRMAN FORUM:

Chairman, Jon Miller reported on the Combined Boards Meeting held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the Borough Hall. Jon related to other board members, EDC's supporting role in the Water-Ferry Project. He stated that our committee is here to benefit everyone, and support the other boards in any way that will help the borough.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rob Perotti discussed the Land Use Board's "Master Plan" and strongly advised EDC to stay involved on this topic. He suggested inviting a member to our meeting for a discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jon Miller welcomed representatives here tonight from the Tuckerton Emporium. The business, originally opened in 1993 by John and Rosemary Kumple will be changing ownership in March 2018.

Nedean Maddox announced a date of March 9, 2018 in New Brunswick, for a NJ Re-Development Forum that will address adopting retail solutions, urban growth, health care, trends in finance, etc.

MEMBERS FORUM:

Nedean Maddox reviewed and gave an update on the most recent meeting she attended with Ocean County Chamber of Commerce regarding the the Water-Ferry.

Beach Haven made a motion to apply for the NJ Future Grant, up to\$20,000, with Tuckerton as the leader, Beach Haven as the silent partner. The Chamber agreed to pay for the marketing. The County is very optimistic. The operation of the Ferry, originally, will be Sunday and Monday, two days a week. They discussed approaching businesses to sell advertising for the side of the ferry to offset some of the cost. Flyers, advertising space, banners, etc will be offered.

Councilman, Ron Peterson related the project will begin as two days a week, but quickly grow to four days. Everyone at the meeting was optimistic. This will be a joint effort.

Nedean stated that depending on the grant funds available, and how the are written, will be contingent on fees charged for the ride. They are hoping to expand the days as soon as possible. Grants are being offered through "Sustainable Jersey", for which Tuckerton is registered.

Public:

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

Brian Martin, Vice Chairperson from Pride and Celebrations Committee, along with Bob both representing Fantasy Island Pier are in attendance.

Brian Martin addressed the time schedule for the water-ferry. Tim Hart explained the ride is approximately one hour each way. The ferry will begin in Beach Haven, and have four round trips per day. Currently the working budget of \$28,000 should cover two days per week. There was also a discussion over an "Eco-Tour". They are still in a discussion process, and there can be many changes prior to the start of this project.

There was a discussion over the types of vessels to be purchased, suggestions for 30 passenger and fuel economy models. Costs were also discussed. Tim Hart suggested two vessels for this project would be desirable.

Members and public also discussed the employees of Fantasy Island Pier and other businesses that hire school age children would most likely advantage from this transportation, and numbers and scheduling for the shifts was a key factor.

Jon Miller stated he will relate this public interest to Lori at the Ocean County Chamber for input into this project.

Melody and Deann were present tonight to discuss the Tuckerton Emporium's change

of ownership. They are hosting a surprise retirement party for John and Rosemary Kumple, who opened this business on April 1, 1993.

Jon Miller, Chairman, EDC is honored to make a speech prior to presenting the owners of the past 25 years with a certificate/plaque created by Chairperson, Joanne McAndrew of the Pride and Celebrations Committee. Mr. John Kumple started the Merchants Association in Tuckerton and is responsible for the onset of the town's Ye Old Fashioned Christmas event, now hosted by Pride and Celebrations Committee.

Tim Hart made a motion, seconded by Robert Perotti to contribute \$100 of the EDC budget, if necessary to the creation of the plaque/certificate. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee at 8:25 PM.

INVOICE:

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Tim Hart that the invoice in the amount of \$75 for secretarial services for the month of FEBRUARY 2018 be paid to Secretary, Susan Maguire. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nedean Maddox, seconded by Rob Perotti, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:35 PM.

All voted Aye.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Maguire, Secretary
Economic Development Committee