

# Groton Economic Development Committee

## Meeting Minutes 5/31/2017

**Attendees for EDC:** Mike Rasmussen, Art Prest, John Konetzny, Fay Raynor and Gina Cronin

**Non-EDC Attendees:** Judy Anderson, Alison Manugian, Greg Sheldon and Bruce Easom

### **Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Rasmussen at 5:38PM at the Groton Town Hall

1. Mike made a motion to approve the 5/18/17 meeting minutes, Gina 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.
2. Mike brought up that EDC was removed from the selectman's meeting. The EDC decided it was unnecessary to discuss any further.
3. Art passed out the EDC's objectives, vision and mission statement along with the committee's bio's
4. Art brought up that someone had told him Groton was "going back to their roots" as a destination community based on the EDC's vision statement.
5. Art brought up how the EDC is a very diverse, experienced group of members in town that work very well together.
6. Gina has committed to finalizing what information will be submitted to be on the website for EDC, she committed to do this by the end of June. Gina reviewed update of this project to the committee and guests.
7. John reviewed updates on the town business map to the committee and guests. John committed to have data submitted to Deluxe Corp. by the end of June.
8. Fay reviewed how the EDC is looking through the property in town for potential business opportunities
9. Mike was told a selectman has expressed interest in the group but the meeting time would need to be moved to 7pm, Mike let him know that would be difficult.
10. Alison Manugian, selectman who was present at the EDC meeting, expressed interest in joining the committee. She was on the School Committee and Zoning Board in the past. Gina voiced she would be great for the group.
11. Gina brought up that we should write a letter to the BOS that we, as a committee, support the appointment of Alison Manugian to the EDC.
12. Art raised a motion to post the final draft of the EDC objectives, vision and mission statement to the website. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fay felt the bio's were not necessary, everyone else in favor.
13. Greg: Brought up concern with no municipal parking in town, asked what committee will put this on their long-term agenda. Discussion amongst committee on complete streets project.
14. Greg would like to be on the EDC's agenda to review his "brain dump" on this issue. We will wait until Russ Burke is at the EDC meeting.
15. Gina brought up that the buyer of the commercial property that houses Snip-It's wants to discuss parking for the building. The buyer is trying to decide if she will keep it commercial or make it residential.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM by Mike Rasmussen. The next meeting is scheduled for 6/14/2017.

Respectfully submitted by John Konetzny