

Committee Members

Khalid Abdi, Chair
Liam McDermott, Vice-Chair
Jessica Chabot, Member, PEDB
Representative
Mark Schultz, Member
Cassandra McKenzie, Member
Larry Presswood, Member



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Medway Town Hall – Sanford Hall

155 Village Street, Medway, MA

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Liam McDermott, Cassandra McKenzie, Mark Schultz, Jessica Chabot

Members Absent: Khalid Abdi, Larry Presswood

Also Present: Barbara J. Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development

The Vice-Chair, Mr. McDermott, called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

New Business

Initiatives to assist local businesses

Ms. Saint Andre stated that the High School job fair will be held on April 26th.

Medway Pride Day

It was noted that this event is on May 20th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be sharing a booth with the Medway Business Council. The members discussed hanging up some of the Town's Route 109 banners at the booth. On motion of Jessica Chabot, seconded by Cassandra McKenzie, it was voted 4-0 that the preferred banners are the "Shop-Dine-Play" and the Right to Farm banners. If there is room, the Town of Medway banner can also be displayed. Mr. Schultz agreed to bring some bottles of water to hand out, and Mr. McDermott agreed to bring a cooler. Ms. Chabot suggested that the Committee put together a short poll for people to take, not more than 5 questions, on what types of businesses they frequent in Town and what businesses they would like to see. Ms. Saint Andre noted that the Business Council hands out a "passport", and when a person returns one with all the stamps, they receive a gift card for the Community Farm. The members discussed a staffing schedule. Ms. Saint Andre will prepare a draft of the questionnaire, and contact DPW for set-up.

Recruiting New Committee Members

As of today, the Committee has one open seat, there will be a second seat available in June. Ms. Chabot has reached out to a local business owner who may be interested. Another town resident has reached out and Mr. Abdi is following up with him.

Reports: Planning and Economic Development Board – Jessica Chabot

Ms. Chabot reported that the former McDonald's site will be converted to two new restaurants, a Chipotle and a Jersey Mike's. There will be a new traffic flow for the Starbuck's drive through also. A new medical building has been approved next to the Walgreens, construction should be starting soon. It will include family and women's medical practices, as well as urgent care and other facilities. She also stated that Luna's Flower Shop is moving to Main Street. Finally, the PEDB has received an application for 10 Lincoln Street for a vehicle repair shop. Chris's Auto Repair is planning to move there from its current

location on Milford Street. Mr. Schultz asked about the new day care facility at Medway Commons, he feels that an 8 foot high solid fence should be built around the playground as a safety measure.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023

On a motion made by Jessica Chabot , seconded by Cassandra McKenzie, the Committee voted to approve the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes 4-0

Next meeting – Scheduled for May 18, 2023

On a motion made by Jessica Chabot , seconded by Cassandra McKenzie, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Saint Andre
Director, Community and Economic Development