

**Town of Lakeville
Economic Development Committee
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:30 PM – Town Office Building**

On April 4, 2017, the Economic Development Committee held a meeting at 6:30 PM at the Town Office Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burke at 6:33 PM. Members present: Aaron Burke, Laurie Driscoll, Robert Chestnut, Sharon Christian, and John Olivieri (enter 6:45 PM). Members absent: Timothy Fletcher and Joan Moran. Also present: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary. LakeCAM was recording the meeting.

Approve Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2017

Upon a motion made by Mr. Chestnut; seconded by Ms. Christian it was:

VOTED: To approve the Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017 as presented.
Unanimous in favor

Update on SBA (Small Business Association) Workshop scheduled for May 24, 2017

Ms. Driscoll provided an update on the Small Business Association Workshop which has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Lakeville Library. She has coordinated with the SBA out of the Boston office, with Eastern Bank and the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Driscoll stated that she had a few draft flyers, which she needed to finalize by adding the Town, Eastern Bank and the Chamber of Commerce. Valerie Glynn from the Chamber will give a brief welcome for the Chamber, and Chairman Burke can start off for the Town. The total Power Point presentation is two (2) hours long; however, it has been shortened to 1 ½ hours. Ms. Driscoll will see if it can be scaled back a bit more so that Eastern Bank will have an opportunity to speak, since May is Small Business month. Eastern Bank does have a presence in Town and the Branch Manager has committed to attend. It is hoped that there will also be representation from their bank in Sharon. Chairman Burke agreed to proof read the flyer, after Ms. Driscoll revises it so that it can be sent out in enough time to be promoted effectively. SEED (Southeastern Economic Development) will also promote the event as they are included in the SBA presentation. They will give a brief explanation about the SEED program and what it offers. It is hoped to “lighten” up the event and have it more interactive. It is a good opportunity for the SBA to educate people in all that it can do for them with their businesses. There is a significant amount of information which can be provided. Eastern Bank will purchase the food, Baldies may do sandwiches and chips, and Ms. Driscoll may get desserts from the bakery.

Chairman Burke asked for a brief spiel. Ms. Driscoll stated that the SBA is one agency, and it has many different partners. The Small Business Development Center is the arm of the SBA which provides information on SCORE, Counselors to America’s, etc. They provide assistance to small businesses free of charge. There is also the Center for Women and Enterprise, which is not just catered to women. Men can also benefit from their technical assistance. The SBA provides information on all the loan programs available, micro lenders like SEED, certified development companies such as SEED which do commercial real estate financing, etc. The SBA runs a lot of free programs through Resource Partners and they provide information on their services. Eastern Bank will be inserted into the power point presentation. People will be asked to register through SEED, the Chamber, etc., in order to get an idea of attendance. Eastern Bank will promote the workshop through their branch offices. It is

being planned on reaching out to Representative Keiko Orrall and Mike Rodrigues to see if they could attend. If they can, they will be listed on the flyer, which may then generate interest for others to attend.

Chairman Burke asked how the SBA interacts with the State. Ms. Driscoll explained that one is not really working with the SBA, since they do not lend any money. They have programs in place that banks take advantage of. Banks are guaranteed to receive back what they lend out. The SBA is a conduit. SEED is a bit different, since they provide technical assistance and loan programs, even for someone who wants to start a home based business and just needs \$,1000 for office equipment. SEED can loan as much as \$5 million. The SBA utilizes certified companies like SEED to facilitate their programs.

Old Business

Ms. Driscoll explained that she has not yet had the opportunity to reach out to Steve Clancy regarding the Lakeville Hospital property to find out if he would agree to have the Hospital property highlighted in the next Office of Business Development Newsletter. Another person she had mentioned at the last meeting was Maria Morasco. She is the Regional Manager that covers Lakeville for Mass Business Development. She can be invited to attend the May 2nd meeting of the Committee and also to the workshop on May 24th from 5:30-8 PM at the Library.

New Business

Chairman Burke then showed the preliminary renderings of the new Police station, and how it is presently laid out on the lot. It was explained that there is a separate schematic for the car port building. The Police Station will have a meeting room which will be used for police training and also as a community meeting room. There is an access walk to the fields. There will be a few minor changes made to the renderings as deemed necessary such as a prisoner exit, etc. There will be three (3) holding cells. The design was based upon a needs assessment, which the architect spent a day at the Police Station to determine the need. There will be a shared public entrance, but Police business is the only exit. From an EDC standpoint, the water line will be extended from the corner of the old Town Hall, and it is being proposed to run it past the Station to a hydrant. The hydrant will then allow the potential for further water hook up expansion down Bedford Street, if the City of Taunton wants to. Chairman Burke stated that he will be trying to update Boards throughout the next few months. It is helpful to have people know about it and get to talking about it. The date for the Debt Exclusion is Tuesday, June 6th and Town Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 12th.

Schedule next meeting.

The next meeting of the EDC was scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Olivieri; seconded by Mr. Chestnut it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Unanimous in favor