

Hingham Development and Industrial Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Attending: Mike Kranzley, Jill Nilsen, Kevin O'Brien, Michael Tesler, Nancy Wiley

Others Attending: Heidi Gaul, Matt Gallagher, Art Rober

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

1. Town Update
Art Robert reported that there have been advanced conversations regarding development in South Hingham. He participated in the South Shore Chamber summit. There is uncertainty as businesses operate in a post-COVID world. Development in Boston has slowed, which has implications for the suburbs. There seem to be opportunities in South Shore. Mike Kranzley asked if there has been any movement toward creating a committee to pursue this further. Art emphasized the need to work with other communities. There was a discussion regarding the need for direction from Town Hall to help HDIC its mission to look for ways to raise revenue. There is an opportunity to do things differently with a concerted, organized effort.
2. Introduction of new HDIC member
Mike Kranzley welcomed Matt Gallagher as a new member of the HDIC. Matt is a two-year Hingham resident who owns the clothing store Assembly. He's also part of the HDA.
3. Planning Board Update
No update.
4. South Hingham Update
Nancy Wiley reported that she and Mike Kranzley met with A.W. Perry. It was an interesting and constructive meeting with lots of discussion about creating residential real estate and more affordable housing.
5. Climate Action Committee Update
Nancy Wiley reported that the Committee will have a final plan by the end of May.
6. HDA Update
Michael Tesler reported that the HDA is presenting a plan to the Town. At the top of the list is improving cellular service in the downtown area.
7. Short Term Rentals
No update
8. Subcommittees Updates and Discussion
Kevin O'Brien and Michael Tesler met and discussed the need for the exploration of new uses for the main post office building. They have reached out to the Historical Society and will get information from other communities.
9. Future Agenda Items

MBTA communities were discussed. The Town sent a recommendation to the state and we will look at the report at the next meeting.

10. General Business

None at this time

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Nilsen, Secretary