

Hingham Development and Industrial Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 10, 202. 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Attending: Mike Kranzley, Dan McGonagle, Jill Nilsen, Michael Tesler

Others Attending: Art Robert, Davalene Cooper

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were corrected to read Art Robert. here as we are a good distance from the academic center in Cambridge and Boston.
2. Town Update
Art Robert reported that there is an opportunity for the town to purchase 30 Summer Street on Hingham Harbor. The appraisal has been completed and this is a strategic opportunity being looked at very carefully. Decision is up to the Select Board and more information will be available at the next HDIC meeting. The \$7.9 million override passed at Town Meeting. It's important for the Town to find new revenue options for growth. A discussion followed regarding South Hingham opportunities and the need to attract a younger and more diverse population to the area. Little to report at this time regarding the MBTA—zoning options are under development. The HDA is exploring the possibility of a trolley to connect the Shipyard, beaches, Hingham Square, and other areas. This is currently not a topic of conversation at Town Hall.
3. Planning Board Update
Progress is being made on implementing the master plan.
4. HDA Update
Michael Tesler reported that there was a successful event in early May for property owners and landlords in downtown Hingham held at the Hingham Historical Society Museum. The objective was to gain additional HDA members and receive more input. In general, business has been slow. The plan is to keep exploring potential uses for the post office location. Mike Kranzley plans to meet with the police chief regarding downtown parking.
5. Climate Action Committee
No update at this time
6. South Hingham
No update at this time
7. Short-term Rentals
Dan McGonagle has written a letter. Discussion around opportunities for a hotel in South Hingham.
8. Subcommittees Update and Discussion
Discussion around putting together a letter for the Planning and Select Boards from HDIC stating the need for more members and assistance from the Town in order to achieve our goals.
9. Future Agenda Items
None

10. General Business and items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance
None

11. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Nilsen, Secretary