

Hingham Development and Industrial Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Attending: Davalene Cooper, Gary Tondorf-Dick

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were approved.
2. South Hingham Update – no update
3. Town Update – no update
4. Planning Board Update
Gary Tondorf-Dick reported that the Planning Board is looking at several zoning warrant items. The first is in regards to accessible dwelling units. Proposal is to expand the existing bylaw to delete the familial requirement. The second regards short-term rentals. There will be a number of public hearings and he encourage all to attend as they will be very informative. The Planning Board website includes memos and discussions regarding these topics. The proposed bylaw needs to be more comprehensive. The zoning bylaws exist to protect abutters. Planning Board is also discussing MBTA community initiative.
5. Climate Action Committee Update
Nancy Wiley reported that the committee is putting together a report that will be submitted to the town. The next meeting is February 16. Mike Kranzley suggested a joint meeting with other boards.
6. HDA Update
Michael Tesler provided a brief update.
7. Short-term Rentals
Dan McGonagle stated the need to evaluate and estimate the increase in values and tax revenues to the town. It was suggested that we look at the situation in other towns.
8. Subcommittees Update and Discussions – none at this time
Dan McGonagle reported that we will work on a letter at the next meeting.
9. Future Agenda Items
Discussion around the need to brainstorm regarding the downtown area and potential revenue-generating opportunities.
10. General Business and Items Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance
None at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Nilsen, Secretary