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Minutes – March 25, 2026

Members Present: David Bailey, Jeff Bellows, Mike Galvin, Chris Goode

Members not Present: Joe Cusker, Katie McHardy, Kate Schmidt

Staff – Art Robert

Presenter: N/A

Call to order: 8:33 AM

Co-Chair Bailey called the meeting to order.

Mr. Robert read the “Remote Meeting” statement governing remote meetings under state law. No participant noted they were recording the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2026

Vote: David Bailey moved, Chris Goode seconded the motion. Vote 4 yea, 0 nay.

Discussion – Economic Development Strategic Plan - Updates

Art Robert provided a site inventory update. Recognizing the challenges for the group and town to maintain a robust, accurate, and current database, Art recommended procuring a LoopNet solution – a web site, linked to the town’s HDIC and Economic Development pages, listing available land and buildings. Art shared implementation of the New Bedford Economic Development Corp. as a professional and effective example. Art stressed there will be no cost to the town – \$9,500 in grant funding from the South Shore Chamber of Commerce will support a pilot deployment for 24 months.

Vote to procure the product and place prominently on the town web site.

Vote: David Bailey moved, Jeff Bellows seconded the motion. Vote 4 yea, 0 nay.

Jeff Bellows and Chris Goode spoke of their meeting with Lea Filson, this Regional Tourism Council’s outgoing Executive Director. That conversation focused on transportation and Plymouth’s success with RideCircuit, a company providing unscheduled, point-to-point transportation in Plymouth’s tourist district. It was suggested that town explore a similar arrangement in Hingham, connecting the Shipyard to the Square and possibly South Hingham.

Jeff Bellows spoke of his meeting with Tim Cahill, CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. Members discussed potential grant funding opportunities for tourism and economic development. The group also discussed upcoming Chamber opportunities, including a Hingham presentation to the South Shore Economic Development Corporation on April 22, and the Chamber’s Annual Development Summit on May 12.

Art Robert provided updates on other business activities in in the South Shore Park, including National Grid’s staging site at 90 Industrial Park Road and new Amazon activity at their dormant 100 Industrial Park Drive distribution center.

Adjourn – 9:20 AM

Vote: David Bailey moved, Mike Galvin seconded the motion. Vote 4 yea, 0 nay.