



## Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee

### Wednesday, December 3, 2014 Minutes

#### Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sandra Lipsey	√	Phil Bixby	-	Janice DeLima	√
William Lunt III	-	Anne Theriault	√	Dimitri Balatsos	√
Pam DiPietro-Hale	√	Chris Wasileski	√	Luc Walker	√

**Council Liaison:** Charlie McBrady  
**Staff present:** Nathan Poore, Theo Holtwijk  
**Others present:** -

Theo called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

#### 1. Review of Draft Minutes of October 15 and November 5, 2014 meetings

The draft minutes of the October 15 and November 5, 2014 meetings were approved as written.

#### 2. Review of Draft Demographic and Economic Base Analysis

The committee reviewed the draft analysis report prepared by Camoin and made note of significant findings and areas where some clarification was needed. The committee also felt that a page on major take-aways should be included. Theo will communicate these comments to Camoin and request an updated draft.

The committee asked how the business interviews went and how that will be reported out to the committee. Theo replied that Camoin is expected to address its findings at the 12/17 meeting and that he did not know to what extent they would report on it in written form. He will ask Camoin about that.

Theo and Sandra reported that they taped a conversation with Jim Damicis of Camoin. They were interested in feedback from committee members once they have had a chance to see the 30 minute video. Sandra felt that Jim had a lot of good information to share. Theo noted that the demographic and economic analysis may be an informative future program.

#### 3. Falmouth Business Association Update

There was no news on the Falmouth Business Association.

#### 4. Shop Falmouth Update

Theo reported that thanks to the help of Luc and Charlie and the Public Works crew road signs have been placed around the community. The effort was hindered by the snow storm.

A dozen or so businesses notified the Town that they wanted to participate. Information about them and the Town's drop and shop event have been sent out as a News and Notices item to subscribers and have been posted on the Town's website.

#### **5. Route 100 Update**

Theo reported that the committee will meet later today and will review a draft schedule for its work. He handed out the schedule and noted it was on a similar timeline as the FEIC work on the Economic Development Strategy with a goal to deliver recommendations to the Council this spring.

#### **6. Other Business**

Nathan reported on various pending projects that have an economic impact. They include projects in the Route 1 area, at Tidewater Village, and at OceanView. The Finance Committee will receive a TIF overview. TIFs may help to finance capital projects. Nathan also noted that a plan for the Falmouth Shopping Center property may be in the works. Nathan also gave an update on the Route 1 construction project and described the work that he expected to see over the winter. There was a question when the power would be switched over to underground. Nathan gave an update on his most recent discussions with CMP. Nathan also discussed the progress with natural gas installation. It was noted that there was a YouTube video on the installation of the new bridge across the train tracks at River Point Conservation Area near Hannaford. Nathan also noted that renovation work at the Motz School to turn it into a community center was progressing.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

The committee will meet next for a special 4-hour session with Camoin on December 17 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

The committee adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, December 9, 2014