



Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Pamela DiPietro-Hale <i>Chair</i>	-	William Lunt III	-	Andrea Ferrante <i>Council Liaison</i>	-
Chris Wasileski <i>Vice Chair</i>	-	Edward Pierce	-	Nathan Poore <i>Staff</i>	-
Brian Bakke	✓	Mindy Schwartz	✓	Theo Holtwijk <i>Staff</i>	✓
Paul Bergkamp	-			Meredith Sells <i>Staff</i>	✓

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. Others attending: Kimberly Darling, Town of Falmouth Staff

1. Review Draft Minutes of January 30, 2019 Meeting

The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting, as a quorum was not present.

2. Upcoming Business Forums

Meredith provided an update of the planning and outreach for the upcoming STEM forum. She distributed a Forecaster article from 2/5/19 that was written on the upcoming STEM Business Forum, and noted that John Kraljic, the technology teacher at the school, had provided comments promoting the unique opportunity of the event for businesses, students and teachers to engage. Meredith and Theo noted the Falmouth businesses and organizations that had given their RSVP. Mindy said she would be attending. Brian has a conflict.

Kimberly gave an update on the planning for the energy efficiency business forum. Kimberly reviewed the distributed invitation draft with details of the event. Kimberly noted that the Viridescent House would not be able to hold the capacity needed, so she was working with Steve Woods to hold the event inside Tide Smart Global with separate tours at Viridescent House. Kimberly expected that she would be receiving from Efficiency Maine the list of Falmouth businesses that have undertaken an energy efficiency project with Efficiency Maine shortly, and would reference potential other businesses to present as a case study or use for outreach purposes. Kimberly asked Mindy if she would be willing to be one of the presenters for the case study. Mindy responded that she could be a backup. Mindy believed Efficiency Maine had a cost-effective program with special offers for other towns, including Windham, Gray and New Gloucester, and thought that program should be expanded to include Falmouth.

The committee discussed the time window of the forum with Kimberly, and liked the idea of the program lasting an hour with an additional half hour for tours and networking. Kimberly agreed and planned to change the time to 6 – 7:30 pm.

Theo suggested that as more logistics became available, including the presenters and refreshments included, they should be added to the invitation. Theo noted that the invitation should be handed out at the upcoming STEM forum, and the committee agreed.

Mindy asked Kimberly if the Town was planning a community solar farm, as she felt this would be a unique economic improvement opportunity for Falmouth. Kimberly said that the state policy would first need to be updated, as well as an overhaul of CMP pricing, before the Town could explore the opportunity. Mindy asked if this item could be brought up at a future date.

3. Other Business

Theo distributed a Forecaster article from 2/6/19 that reviewed the latest update on the Falmouth Center project.

4. Next meeting

The next scheduled meetings are the STEM forum on 2/12/2019 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm, and a FEIC meeting on 2/20/19 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Meredith Sells, February 7, 2019