

Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Present:

Chris Wasileski, <i>Chair</i>	✓	Nicholas Weightman	✓	Jay Trickett, <i>Council Liaison</i>	✓
William Lunt, III, <i>Vice Chair</i>		Tural Nadirli		Marguerite Fleming, <i>Staff</i>	✓
Paul Bergkamp	✓			Theo Holtwijk, <i>Staff</i>	✓
Kevin Moss	✓			Nathan Poore, <i>Staff</i>	

Chris began the meeting at 4:49 pm.

1. Establish Quorum.

- Quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting.

- Kevin motioned; Nick seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment.

- No members of the public were present.

4. Future Charge.

- Those present continued to discuss the future of the Committee.
- Councilor Trickett said he was leaning towards recommending to the Council that the Code of Ordinances be amended to remove FEIC as a standing committee. He felt that the Committee had either outlived its usefulness or that there was a mismatch between the Committee's charge and its purpose.
- Paul said it was difficult for the Committee to function effectively during the pandemic. He wanted the Town to remain connected with the Falmouth-Cumberland Community Chamber and to make sure that the Chamber is working effectively. He said there could be an opportunity through the Vision and Values Project to discuss economic development in Falmouth.
- Kevin felt that economic development remained important for Falmouth but felt that the Committee was being underutilized.
- Chris felt that without a specific charge from the Council the Committee had run its course. He felt that the Chamber's work overlapped with the Business League initiative. He also felt that the Committee members' time might be better used on other boards and committees.
- Nick agreed with the prior comments.
- Committee members expressed interest in serving on other town boards and committees.

- Council Trickett said there were many ways to get involved with the Vision and Values Project. He said it was important to have voices interested in business and economic development. He also said there would still be opportunities for groups to liaise with the Town or form ad-hoc committees.
- Paul suggested sending targeted Vision and Values Project emails to the business community.
- Councilor Trickett will recommend at the upcoming Council meeting that the Council revise the Code of Ordinances to disband the Committee.
- Maggie will send the list of board and committee vacancies to the Committee members.

5. Other Business

- Paul said that cell phone coverage continues to be an issue in town.
- Theo said that the survey currently being circulated was developed by a private company.
- Councilor Trickett said he would bring up this issue at a future Council meeting.

6. Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting.

- A future meeting was not scheduled as there was consensus for Council Trickett to recommend that the Committee disband.

7. Adjourn

- Kevin motioned; Paul seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Draft meeting minutes prepared by Marguerite Fleming on March 25, 2021.