

**Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

Present:

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

Others Attending: Tommy Johnson, Tural Nadirli, and Joe Morse

Chris began the meeting at 4:35 pm.

1. Establish Quorum.

- Quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting.

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

3. Update on Council direction for FEIC following July 24, 2020 Council Work Plan Retreat.

- Councilor Trickett said that the Council discussed at its work plan retreat whether FEIC is the best vehicle for what the Committee members are trying to accomplish. He said the Council wanted to make sure that the FEIC was serving its purpose, felt worthwhile to the members, and was the best way to promote economic development in Falmouth.
- The Committee members shared their thoughts on the status of the Committee. Those present discussed the idea of the Committee functioning in an ad-hoc capacity-meeting when needed, that the mission of the Committee has changed, and that the Committee has not received specific direction from the Council.
- Councilor Johnson said that a problem has been that it has been difficult to know what the needs of Falmouth businesses are. He suggested that the Committee work on finding out what the needs of businesses are and then reconvene.
- Councilor Trickett felt that the mission of the Committee is to enhance economic development. He felt that the Committee's charge is broader than what the Chamber is doing.
- Chris suggested that the Committee could provide business assistance and serve as a new business welcoming committee.
- Kevin suggested waiting to see how things play out with COVID-19 and that the Committee could start a social media presence.
- Nathan said staff have been considering alternatives to Very Merry Falmouth.

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on any item not on the agenda.

- There was no public comment

5. Other Business.

- Theo said that the Route 100 Project is going well and nearing the finish line. He said that the Council approved the preliminary engineering for Route 1 North and that an RFP would be issued. Those present discussed the proposed Route 1 North infrastructure improvements.
- Nathan discussed current development projects in town. He said that there would be an update soon on the Vision and Values process.
- Paul asked about recent broadband issues in town. Nathan and Theo said they would look into it.

6. Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting.

- The next meeting will be held on September 16 via zoom.

7. Adjourn

- Kevin motioned; Nick seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Draft meeting minutes prepared by Marguerite Fleming on September 11, 2020.