

**Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

Present:

Chris Wasileski, <i>Chair</i>	✓	Mindy Schwartz	-	Marguerite Fleming, <i>Staff</i>	✓
William Lunt, III, <i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	Ozan Tüzmen	-	Theo Holtwijk, <i>Staff</i>	✓
Paul Bergkamp	✓	Nicholas Weightman	-	Nathan Poore, <i>Staff</i>	-
Kevin Moss	✓	Janice De Lima, <i>Council Liaison</i>	-		

Others Attending: -

Chris started the meeting at 4:37 pm.

**1. Establish Quorum.**

- Quorum was established.

**2. Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting.**

- Bill motioned to approve the minutes; Kevin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Overview by Staff of Meeting Materials Provided for This Meeting.**

- Theo said that he provided one of the three draft versions of the Falmouth Business League concept.

**4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Committee on Any Item Not on the Agenda.**

- There was no public comment.

**5. Update on Community Outreach by Committee Members Regarding the Falmouth Business League Concept.**

- Paul said that he has a meeting scheduled with his Chamber of Commerce contact.
- Chris is still working on scheduling his interviews. He is considering selecting new contacts to reach out to.
- Chris summarized the discussion from the last meeting. He said that there was discussion about having the Committee launch the League but that there was a desire for it to eventually become a separate entity. He also mentioned the idea of wanting the League to be separate from the Town. The Committee had discussed hosting a kick-off forum.
- Theo said that Nathan Poore was supposed to meet with the Chamber of Commerce Board on January 9 but had to postpone the meeting to March due to illness. The Committee discussed wanting to have a member join Nathan at the meeting.

- Committee members discussed scheduling the kick-off forum in April to allow time to meet with the Chamber and to maximize reach as some business leaders go away for the winter.
  - Committee members discussed holding the kick-off event at a business.
  - Paul said that he met with the library and they are interested in the concept. The forum could possibly be held in the Fall, but it might take a while for the library to get settled in the new building.
- Committee members will provide Theo and Chris with questions to ask the Chamber.
- Committee members discussed possible League initiatives such as best practice sharing.
- Committee members discussed business leaders who could possibly hold leadership positions in the League.

#### **6. Other Businesses: Updates by Committee Members and Staff.**

- Maggie mentioned that the Fire Department is holding its second fire safety dialogue for businesses on March 19 from 9 until 11 am. The first session was well attended.
- Maggie said that the Council passed a resolution at the January 13 meeting for REAC and the Conservation Commission to create a calendar of events celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day and the Maine Bicentennial. Kimberly Darling, Energy and Sustainability Coordinator, plans to attend the next FEIC meeting to discuss having FEIC assist with obtaining sponsorships.
- Theo provided an overview of the West Falmouth Crossing public forum on January 21. The Town is working with a consultant to develop different options for the West Falmouth Crossing owners to consider.
- Theo said that a special meeting of the Town Council will be held on February 3. It will focus largely on road construction projects.

#### **7. Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting.**

- The next meeting will be held on February 5. The Committee will discuss questions to ask the Chamber of Commerce regarding the League.

#### **8. Adjourn**

- Chris motioned to adjourn; Kevin seconded.
- Motion carried 4-0.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Draft meeting minutes prepared by Marguerite Fleming on January 28, 2020.