

Brentwood Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes 9.18.23

Mac Bonafede, ~~Bob Rossman — Vice Chair~~, Robert Span, ~~Kristin Aldred~~, Jon Morgan - Chair, Stefanie Kizza, Doug Finan

Morgan opened the meeting at 6:00.

The Board reviewed the minutes of August 7, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously, Finan abstained.

Kizza updated the Board on a grant opportunity, Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods. This grant is due September 28th. The hope is to utilize the grant monies to fund planning level studies and analysis of how we can improve access, accessibility and mobility through town dealing with the barrier that is Route 125. The grant does require a 20% match. This grant also provides opportunities for Regional Partnerships, the Board would like to consider working with NHDOT next year to look at the Route 125 corridor; this year the grant application will focus on the internal movement through Brentwood and crossing Route 125.

The Board discussed the final copy of the Charrette. The Board was surprised by the scope of the final presentation and would like more information regarding phasing and Return On Investment. The Board discussed the idea of a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission to get their feedback. The Board discussed the need for bathrooms and safer parking, and the desire for pickleball courts, specifically indoor courts. The Board discussed the role of the Economic Development Committee now that the Charrette is complete. The Board agreed that they would like to work with the Recreation Commission and assist them in presenting the final presentation to the public. Benedix will reach out to Gray to set up a joint meeting.

Benedix updated the Board on the Quarterly Business Breakfast, invitations went out to business owners as well as commercial property owners. Finan and Morgan will be at the Recreation Center by 7 am for setup.

The Board discussed upcoming meeting dates, Benedix will send out available dates and confirm.

Bonafede motioned to adjourn, Finan seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.