



EDIC Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2019 at 5:05pm
3 Pond Road, CATA Conference Room

In Attendance:

Chair Bramhall, M. DiLascio, C. Gustin, T. Hedges

Also in attendance: John Cunningham, Attorney for the EDIC.

Absent: T. Balf, J. Oppenheim, R. Pino, L. O'Leary and J. Cunningham.

Agenda: Funding Request from Ken Riehl for the Blue Economy Initiative

A letter (email) requesting funding from Ken Riehl of the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce was received. A request of \$10,000 funding toward their goal of \$60,000 project funding was the subject.

During the January 8th EDIC board meeting, Ken presented the same request verbally to the board. The board requested a more formal written request and also time to consider the request. A February 1st date was asked as a response to coincide with other funding requests and project initiation targets.

Discussion:

Mike spoke with Katy Kahl (UMass Marine Research) and she stated that the program funding was about half way there. She also indicated possible funds through UMass Amherst might be available.

Carl had discussions with Ken and noted that he (Ken) was also looking into some private funding along with City and other funding avenues.

Proposal: Put forward by Mike, second by Taylor

"EDIC to pledge an amount of \$10,000 toward the phase I study regarding the 'Blue Economy Initiative'. This pledge or commitment of funding would be contingent on other project funding and receiving sufficient funding from other sources to reach their project goal of \$60,000."

Roll Call Vote: All in favor, Bramhall, DiLascio, Gustin, Hedges: YES

It was also noted by the board chairman that other members of the EDIC board, who were not present at this meeting had earlier express total support toward funding this request.

Bill will notify Ruth Pino (treasurer) of this funding acceptance and the conditions of the proposal from the EDIC.

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Other Business:

A.) UMass Boston, School of Environment Letter

The EDIC, through Mike DiLascio had received a letter from Dr. Robyn Hannigan, UMass Boston, in regard to a proposal titled PIERS. It is a request for project support on the way of a written letter (not funding) back to the UMass Boston School for the Environment. The request mirrored an EDIC letter of a year ago from Tom Gillett (past director) stating that Gloucester EDIC would support and host and mentor a student internship.

Mike: How does this request relate to our present UMass project? Mike also noted that this request was sent only to our past chairperson and past director, without UMass knowing or finding information about the current EDIC board status.

Carl: This is very confusing. Seems as if UMass does not internally connect or is aware of other UMass programs and ongoing projects. The present EDIC is already entered into an agreement with UMass Boston with a project initiation. Also, the EDIC is in the process of redefining our goals and objectives.

At this time it would not be appropriate for the EDIC to respond with a supportive letter.

Mike: He will draft and send a response letter to Dr. Robyn Hannigan about the boards comments and our reasons for not returning a supportive letter. He will also ask or question why the two schools within UMass, Boston or Amherst do not communicate or know of ongoing programs, such as ours with UMass Boston.

B.) Future Agenda Item

Carl: The EDIC has a few active or starting projects running or developing. (UMass study, Blue Economy) He is suggesting individual project directors or managers key to each program. Such as Mike being key within the negotiations with UMass Boston, Tom Balf involved with the Blue Economy actions, Taylor active with the Cape Ann Industrial Park...etc.

The EDIC seems to emerging into an advisory position for areas as housing, transportation, business retention.

This will be discussed further at the Feb 12th Boarding Meeting

Meeting Adjourned 5:23PM

Scribe: Bill Bramhall