



EDIC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2010 @ 4:30pm

Remote Zoom Meeting

- **Meeting began at 4:35pm**
- **In Attendance: Tim Wood, Acting Chair Bill Bramhall, Mike DiLascio, Taylor Hedges, Tom Balf, and Treasurer Ruth Pino. Also, in attendance, Sal DiStefano, Director of Economic Development for the City of Gloucester. Absent: Jerrold Oppeinheim.**
- **Open Meeting Law: This meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law. Consistent with the Governor's orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and banning gatherings of more than 10 people, this meeting will be conducted by remote participation. If you are calling in on a phone you can press Star 9 (*9) to request to speak. If you are watching on a computer or device there is a "raise hand" button that you can tap or press to request to speak. Please use either of these options during oral communications to be recognized to speak.**
- **Meeting minutes from the October 13th, 2020 meeting were approved. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.**
- **Business Park Status: Kondelin Industrial Park is status quo. Businesses at Blackburn Industrial Park are still running at half capacity and it was reported that business is bouncing back.**
- **CATA and The Last Mile: Felicia Webb provided M. DiLascio will an update on the Last Mile Grant. Mass.DOT has not responded yet on the draft contract proposal. Felicia Webb will keep the EDIC posted. With the current pandemic conditions, the MBTA has announced cutbacks and are looking at routes and revamping their schedule. Service will stop at 9pm and they plan on curtailing the weekend schedule. Many are no longer taking public transportation as it is easier to commute now.**
- **Industrial Park Signage: On going work is being done to replace the signage at Blackburn. Quotes are still be worked on. The proposal includes three signs:**
 - **Sign #1 at Entrance: 12 x 12 foot sign with 16 business listed**
 - **Sign #2: 12x8 foot with 9 businesses listed**
 - **Sign #3: 12x8 foot sign with 7 businesses listed**

- Concrete base with plastic signs that can be easily updated
- The plastic signs are \$60.00 a piece
- First round of quotes came in at \$30,000 for the concrete bases and signage
- Currently relooking at pricing and installation in the spring of 2021
- Most of Blackburn businesses are on board with the project
- **Kondelin Road and Hiltz:** Bill Sanborn provided Attorney J. Cunningham with an update on Hiltz. The ZBA is fully aware of the right-away and spoke about it at their last meeting. The concerns of dumpsters bring stored on the right-away is recognized by the ZBA. The conversations are ongoing between Bill Sanborn and the EDIC. The ZBA is still in discussions with Hiltz about the coverage of the dumpsters. Continued talks will resume between the EDIC, ZBA and Hiltz.
- **MassEcon Membership:** The EDIC is still waiting for an updated invoice for this year's membership dues. Sal DiStefano will ask MassEcon to forward the invoice to Bill Bramhall for payment. MassEcon can provide a wealth of informational resources to the EDIC and can provide assistance with research, advocacy, and best practices. The Board discussed best ways of utilizing MassEcon for help in developing a strategic plan for the EDIC moving forward. Perhaps MassEcon can assistance the EDIC with coming up with a TIF, tax increment financing, to assist Kondelin Road with covering the expense of much needed improvements. T. Balf will take a look at MassEcon's website and do a little research. MassEcon may provide assistance if we have a particular business sector that we want to further develop like marine biotech. MassEcon may provide us with some focus research acquired from other communities that may be helpful when developing our own strategies.
- **Motion was passed to end the meeting. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.**
- **Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 at 4:30 pm.**

