



## **EDIC BOARD MEETING**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:30pm**

**Remote ZOOM Meeting**

- **Call to Order of the Board**
- **Meeting began at 4:35pm**
- **Roll Call Taken. In attendance Tim Wood, Mike DiLascio, Taylor Hedges, Acting Chair Bill Bramhall, Jerrold Oppenheim, Treasurer Ruth Pino, and Tom Balf. Also, in attendance, Attorney for the EDIC, John Cunningham and Sal DiStefano, Director of Economic Development for the City of Gloucester.**
- **Acting Chair Bramhall Reviewed the Open Meeting Laws: 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 the 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.**
- **The minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were approved. A motion was passed to approve the minutes and all were in favor.**
- **Business Park Status- No changes in the industrial parks to report.**
- **The Last Mile- We are still waiting on action to the Grant. There are some ongoing concerns regarding the potential new train schedules and cutting service times. Some train schedules are being considered to be eliminated with regard to weekend service. There have been reports of empty trains and buses. CATA does not have a firm update to give to the EDIC.**
- **Industrial Signage: T. Hedges shared the signage proposal presentation to the Board. The signs will have cement bases with a stucco finish.**
  - **Concrete block and cement base**
  - **Polished metal**
  - **Masonry/ stucco**
  - **Cement/ concrete**
- **Now we can put together a budget and present this to Blackburn Industrial Park.**

- Signs will have Channel Letters
- Certain colors will be used for different things: Street signs are one color and businesses are another color.
- 3-4 anchoring signs will be presented
  - Blackburn & Dory
  - Dory Rd
  - Blackburn & Great Republic
  - Heritage Way & Great Republic
- T. Hedges will coordinate a meeting and walk thru with Mike Hale and Bill Sanborn and present the proposal. Also, we will need to look into permitting.
- The EDIC needs to look at the footprint size for each of these companies and that should be how participation should be divided.
- How will the EDIC control businesses putting up their own signs? Every business must know that in order to have a sign you must participate in this exercise.
- EDIC contact information must be on each sign. Just in case companies want to call to be added or to make any necessary changes.
- MassEcon: The annual dues for MassEcon have been paid. Tom Balf and Mike DiLascio will further look into the possibilities of how best utilize this membership and partnership.
- DiStefano has already put through a requested to MassEcon for a report on available sites and upcoming events for the EDIC. DiStefano will share results with those who are interested. The research entity of this organization will help the EDIC. As a group, we need to coordinate all of the requests that we make to MassEcon so we do not overwhelm them. Balf and DiLascio agreed to take a closer look at the MassEcon website and research some topics to request assistance on.
- National Grid- Jerry Oppenheim reported that Andrea was unsure if any interest was generated from our email blast about National Grid's current programs. It may not be the best time of year. Grid is now working with Comeeter.
- Harbor Plan: Tom Balf provided an update about that the Harbor Plan Committee and that they will be having a Zoom Meeting on December 17, 2020. First plan of action will be to put together a focus and scope of action and then to develop an RFP to engage a consultant in 2021.
- Balf and DiLascio reposted one of Carl Gustin's articles about the developments for a fishing-based community on Linked In. Board was advised to share the article with their own network base.
- R. Pino shared in the developments with the Gloucester 400 committee. They are very excited about the launch of their new website [www.gloucesterma400.org](http://www.gloucesterma400.org). The committee will be developing 400 stories to present and archive. The website provides the guidelines for submitting stories. The Gloucester 400 is currently seeking volunteers to assist with the writing, editing, and proofing of these pieces. The very first story was released about Lena Novello a remarkable woman to the fishing community and the Fishermen's Wives organization. The Gloucester 400 commemorative medal are now being sold at the Brass

**Monkey. All proceeds will help with the continuation of these stories and this project.**

- **Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.**
- **A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.**
- **Meeting ended at 5:19pm.**