

AGENDA

WAREHAM COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

August 18, 2009

Multi-Service Center

RM 208

4:30pm

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Report on 195 Information Center
4. Review of CEDA financial Report
5. Review of RFP for Recovery Rd Property
6. CEDA Directors Report
7. Review of Downtown Revitalization Program
Presentation by Chris Coile
8. Community Events Update
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes

Wareham Community and Economic Development Authority

August 18, 2009

Present

Jean Connaughton, Chair

Sandra Besse

Jo Jeffries

Whitney Schmidt

Chris Reilly, CEDA Director

Rudy Santos

Call to order 4:30pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of July 14, 2009 by Sandra Besse and seconded by Jo Jeffries

Report on 195 Information Center

Bruce Hutchins presented a report on the operation of the Information Center for the 09 season (Complete report attached) Overview Visitation was down

Budget state cut 9000 funding for center – budget balanced for this year - Decrease in hours to compensate for budget constraints

Strength is the staff, they have taken on many additional duties in order to keep the center running such as repairs and gardening.

Positive notes - Membership renewals at 90% - Makepeace and Rockland continue to sponsor. Received support from the Community Events committee - Increased support from area Chambers - Onset Village Small Business Brochure success - Plymouth Plantation & Plymouth Businesses joined. Success of Onset Village Brochure - Will attempt similar program for Wareham Village businesses in 2010

Paul Cripp's director of Plymouth Development Group has been extremely helpful and would welcome the opportunity to operate center should Wareham determine that they cannot continue without additional state funding.

Wish list for center additional corporate memberships to include Decas Cranberry, Ocean Spray Banks - Business advertizing all chains Major Cape Attraction Heritage Plantation hopeful to add Hollywood East - Facility The lack of running WATER is a real need. In addition to Porta potties water is a need for power washing courtyard building and carpet cleaning - again dedicated staff have worked hard to maintain facility Priority replacement of Carpet and reseal Roof

Review of CEDA financial report

Chris Reilly presented an update financial report. Overview that CEDA is meeting goals. Request made to provide information on available program income funds available for our review and decisions.

Report attached.

CEDA Director's Report

Attached for review in detail. Fy06 grant completed. Fy07 moving towards completion with the exception of Sign and Façade program, extension granted through September 30, 2009. Participant is

having difficulty obtaining funding. Community Septic Program has \$25000 remaining in Fund. Will require warrant article to continue offering program.

Fyo8 on track with all programs a go. Code enforcement officer hired as of 7/1/09

191 Main St on track but waiting for bid proposals from owner.

Recovery Road

RFP proposal reviewed. Chris will send out proposal to determine interest.

Review of Downtown Revitalization Program

Presentation by Chris Coile

Chris Coile a part-time resident of Wareham with extensive experience in real estate and fund raising for projects in Annapolis Royal, Maryland presented a proposal for to further the downtown revitalization.

The proposal is attached for review is well done but would have one caveat. Mr. Coile requested that he be appointed Chair of a sub-committee with overall responsibility for the project.

After much discussion the chairman noted that CEDA could not participate in some of the proposed activities and unable to give him the authority over the grant process.

After further discussion, the board recommended that Mr. Coile meet with the Wareham Village Association to determine their buy in and that Chris Reilly attend the meeting so that both entities were aware of the responsibilities and commitment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm