



Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

Members Present: Tom Larson, Whitney Friberg, Katie Young, Donna McGrath, Pat Giraud - ex officio, Tom Robinson - ex officio

Also Present - Todd Miller - Quabbin Regional Economic Development Coordinator

Meeting started at 6:35 pm

Minutes read and approved.

The meeting started with a discussion about section #4 of the zoning by-laws.

Todd Miller updated the committee about the current usage of the "QC" website and reported the feedback as being positive. He also said that seasonal photos of all the 5 towns - Hardwick, Hubbardston, Barre, New Braintree & Rutland will be posted and updated.

Whitney suggested Airbnb as a "destination attraction" for Hubbardston. She also suggested that a "guide" for visitors could be included with each listing/stay and how that could result in visitors shopping and eating in town during their visit. The guide would include services, menus, activities, etc. Katie mentioned that she and Whitney have talked about creating an additional guide for the homeowners. The committee discussed how a "fee structure" if any, would work.

Tom Robinson and Tom Larson discussed a new business location at the old sand pit and bounced around some ideas for that location.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.