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Economic Development Committee Minutes – June 11, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Present: Tad Putney, Eric Bernstein, Steve Russo, Gerrell Smith & Valerie Rearick (via phone)

Minutes: Not enough members present at the May 21st, 2019 meeting were present to approve the minutes. This will be added to the next agenda.

Updates on Businesses

The owners of *The Alamo* would like to add outdoor seating and contacted Tad and Valerie to see what needed to be done. One possible issue may be the septic system capacity if there are additional customers. Val mentioned that the Juanita's Mexican Restaurant asked for the same type of accommodation a few years ago and it was granted by the Planning Board.

General Store. Discussion about possible new owner/tenant. One application to re-open the store has been filed with the ZBA since the business (located in the residential/agricultural district) has been discontinued for over one year. Val and Kristen Austin have been in contact with the applicant and paperwork has been completed.

Letters to newly opened businesses have been sent to welcome them and show our support. The owners of The Alamo thanked us for our support.

Newsletter

Val emailed the final draft to all members and got some small corrections. Tad will send a couple of additional edits tomorrow. The newsletter should be mailed by the end of the week of June 17th.

Signs Entering Brookline.

Tad reported that he received different designs that he emailed to all members. All agreed to go with the "4-A" design at the last meeting. Tad called Spectrum and he should have the cost estimate by tomorrow. The budget set at \$5,000 may go up by \$1,000 for a better quality and longer life. There will be no lighting. Tad will submit the final design and cost to the next Selectboard's meeting on June 17th for their approval and will also talk to abutting landowners.

Adjourned at 7:00 pm – Next meeting: Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by Valerie Rearick