



## **TOWN OF BROOKLINE**

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### **Economic Development Committee Minutes – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:30 pm**

The meeting was held in person and via Zoom

Attendees: Tad Putney, Eric Bernstein, Steve Russo, and Valerie Rearick.

#### **Minutes**

Steve seconded by Eric, moved to approve the May 12, 2021 minutes as written. Tad, Eric, Steve, and Valerie voted yes.

#### **Update on the Brookline Business Association Effort**

Gerrell Smith was not able to attend the meeting. The Committee picked a July 21<sup>st</sup> date for the next meeting. Tad asked Valerie to reach out to other Committee members for availability and ask Gerrell if he will have updates on the Business Association to be discussed then.

#### **Timing for Next Newsletter**

All agreed to have the next newsletter published around the end of October 2021 as there are no events currently scheduled for the summer, beside the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. A fall newsletter will allow to provide a lot information including:

- Small Business Saturday event (taking place late fall)
- Update on the Brookline Business Association
- Penny Sale event (usually in November)
- Updates on the Well-Water, Open Government, and Town & School Services Study Committees
- Proposed Zoning amendments
- Public Works facility
- DOT update: intersection Route 13/South Main Street
- H/B Rotary Flag Program
- New Building Inspector
- Articles submitted by businesses

#### **Video on Local Businesses**

Tad asked Valerie to send him the contact information for the new businesses recently approved by the Planning Board

### **Update on Businesses**

Valerie announced that “The Voice of Clay” moved from a Home Business location to a couple of units at Stoney ledge. Still at Stoney ledge, a new food/bakery/local products business, “Gracie’s Table”, was also recently approved by the Planning Board.

### **Other items**

Valerie suggested looking at the Welcome Packet that is being distributed to new residents. She updates the packet regularly, but members may have some input on the content. Valerie will email the “packet” to all members and will ask to email suggestions before the next meeting. This will be added to the next agenda as well.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm and will be held via in person and via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Submitted by Valerie Rearick