

Economic Development Commission

Town Hall - Room 3 Town Hall

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE:

- Michael McMahon
- Serena Fuller
- Craig Samuelson
- Jack Cote
- Amber Bach

Public Comments

Inga Hotaling- packet on Small Business Saturday

New Business

- **Changes and business developments in town-**

686 College Highway- At a recent Planning Board meeting a proposal to divide the 91-acre parcel into 5 parcels was held. No final decision was made.

74 College Highway- This property was mentioned at the last Select Board meeting. The town is awaiting further information on new owners for the proposed marijuana farming facility.

101 Point Grove Road – A new steakhouse has opened at the previous Lakelife 101 restaurant called Prime Steakhouse. There have been good and bad reviews so far.

Hudson Drive- The Select Board has received an agreement for marijuana farming facility.

Marijuana Retail- One of the selectman gave a presentation about the positive financial gain a town could have legalizing retail sales and would like to bring it to a vote at the Annual Town Meeting. The presentation included the amount of revenue the Town of Great Barrington receives.

- **Discussion/Decision of the Mission of EDC-**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Samuelson and **SECONDED** by Mr. Cote to adopt this as our current mission statement. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Discussion Approval of Meeting Minutes-**

None

- **Activities and spending for the balance of FY 2023-**

Mr. McMahon and Ms. Fuller went before the Finance Committee and will know how much they are getting in the near future.

Old Business

- **Other-**

Ms. Bach asked Ms. Hotaling to attend the next meeting so they could add the Small Business Saturday to the agenda. She also discussed the website and price \$580. Mr. McMahon discussed having signs made to use at the next big event in town.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Samuelsen and **SECONDED** by Ms. Fuller to allocate \$580 toward a website and domain name. The motion passed unanimously.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Fuller and **SECONDED** by Ms. Bach to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meghan Lightcap
Administrative Assistant Planning Board