

Economic Development Committee

Minutes

January 26, 2021

5 p.m.

Zoom

Attendance: Susan Bauer, Jennifer DeChant, Aaron Park, Karla Gagnon, Sean Ireland, Sally Johnstone, Peter Owen, Ben Averill, Marc Meyers

- I. Elections: Sally Johnstone elected Chair. Susan Bauer elected Vice Chair.
- II. Minutes: December minutes approved.
- III. Comprehensive Plan: Ben Averill provided overview, said he would send Google Doc and information to committee.
- IV. COVID-19: Marc Meyers talked about the next round of the Economic Relief Bridge Loan Program and went over the details. Application goes live February 1.
- V. Façade Grant: The committee reviewed and approved applications (see attachment).
- VI. Other Business:
 - The committee discussed the work plan. Sean Ireland talked about the importance of a written plan with clear items. Sally suggested committee members provide feedback on a Google Doc for next month meetings. Aaron park mentioned the importance of short term and long term goals.
 - Susan mentioned 65 Bowery Street discussion and committee agreed to hold off for March meeting.
 - Sean talked about Beacon Park receiving an Innovation Award from Maine Downtown Center.
 - Marc said American Cruise Lines are still planning a 2021 schedule.
 - Sally said Main Street Bath decided to cancel Heritage Days, but music committee is working on programming.