



Town of Barnstable  
Growth Management Department  
**Economic Development Commission**

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**BEDC Meeting Minutes - Approved  
May 28, 2013**

Chair  
Christopher Kehoe

Vice Chair  
Alan Feltham

Members  
Jeffrey Craddock  
Sara Cushing  
Hartley Johnson  
Jeannine Marshall  
James Poplasky  
Royden Richardson  
David Wood

Town Council Liaison  
Jennifer Cullum

Members present: Chris Kehoe, Alan Feltham, Jeff Craddock, Sara Cushing, Hartley Johnson, James Poplasky, Roy Richardson, David Wood  
Absent: Jeannine Marshall  
Town Council Liaison: Jennifer Cullum  
Also in attendance: Chief Paul MacDonald, Town Attorney Ruth Weil

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chair Chris Kehoe.

New Business – Discussion of Code of the Town of Barnstable Chapter 115 Hours of Operation of Business

Chris Kehoe turned the discussion over to Chief MacDonald who explained the history behind the curfew ordinance requiring retail businesses to be closed between the hours of 1 am and 3 am. Chief MacDonald stated that in 1996 and 1997 there were large groups of individuals who were congregating in various locations in Hyannis. A video was then shown which showed the impact of the problem regarding police department calls for service. Since the ordinance was passed, the Chief said the problem essentially went away.

Member David Wood expressed his concern that there is a significant economic impact to the retail businesses that are required to close. David also proposed that it seems fair that once a year the Chief, Chamber, Civic groups speak to the problem. He stated that perhaps the curfew may, in fact, need to be extended, may be necessary only on weekends, etc. He said that they need to have a review to see if this emergency measure remains necessary at all times. People who work at night are a big part of the economic part of this seasonal town and we need to give them the services they want if possible.

Jen Cullum and Chris Kehoe both stated they have never heard any other businesses say the ordinance was hurting their business.

Chief MacDonald stated that he thinks it's a good idea to sit down with the Chamber and with this group to review this on a yearly basis. He also stated that the ordinance was put in place to address a specific problem and it has worked. Chief MacDonald stated that there has been voluntary compliance from every retail business in town. He also stated that there is a stipulation that the ordinance was to be reviewed in 2008 which has not happened and if changes are needed, they should be addressed.

Town Council Liaison Jen Cullum stated that she would like to know how many business owners are affected by this curfew and encourages them to contact her directly. Based upon that input, the Town Council could review the ordinance.

Ruth Weil stated that there is a special permit procedure in the ordinance that has been rarely exercised.

Councilor Cullum agreed to sponsor a review of the ordinance for the Town Council.

#### Old Business

- ♦ Sara Cushing sent the reviewed introductory letter to the commission members for their final review. However, many members did not receive it; it will be resent by Sara.
- ♦ A motion was made by David Wood, seconded by Sara Cushing, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2013 BEDC minutes. So voted to approve.

#### Updates from members regarding attendance at board/committee/commission meetings:

##### David Wood

- ♦ Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District – Nothing to report
- ♦ Hyannis Water Board – Board is considering putting in solar panels or other means of alternative energy on their facility which could ultimately lead to jobs.

##### Sara Cushing

- ♦ Agriculture Committee – Reached out but haven't heard back.
- ♦ Board of Health – Received a positive response from Dr. Miller regarding the willingness to collaborate.
- ♦ Cape Cod Young Professionals – After a few discussions with various members, Sara will be connected to their advocacy committee which will be doing a lot of work around understanding the needs of the young professional economy. She will be joining their advocacy committee meetings starting Wednesday. Sara and James Poplasky will be working together with this group.

##### Jeff Craddock

- ♦ Waterways Committee – Dredging of Hyannis Harbor will be taking place late June/early July. Should not be a major impact on tourists or boats as it will be completed relatively quickly.
- ♦ Barnstable by Bike – Jeff is excited that the town is getting involved in promoting biking around the Cape.

##### Roy Richardson

- ♦ Cape Cod Commission – Taking steps to address wastewater problems. They have received a \$3.1 million dollar grant for research. It has been recognized that it is not just a town problem—it is a cape-wide problem. Effort is to develop alternatives and to direct work in the area where it is most economically feasible.
- ♦ Roy will coordinate with the Commission to see about holding a meeting there.
- ♦ Jen Cullum would like to get permitting costs and demographic growth of other towns from the Commission.

Hartley Johnson

- ♦ Airport Commission – The Airport Commission has formed an ad hoc marketing committee to market the airport. Representatives of private firms that have businesses at the airport were at the meeting. Hartley suggested a meeting with them.
- ♦ Finance Committee – No report as yet
- ♦ Hartley stated that he would like to have a discussion of higher education and the location of Bridgewater State University in Yarmouth on the agenda for the next meeting.
- ♦ Hartley would like to see the Recreation Committee added to the list of b/c/c's.
- ♦ Hartley and Alan would also like to have an update from Growth Management on the agenda.

Alan Feltham

- ♦ School Committee – Waiting for intro letter before attending.

Chris Kehoe

- ♦ Town Council – The council is reviewing budgets for next fiscal year.
- ♦ Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce – Just had their annual golf tournament in conjunction with JFK Foundation. Also working on the Father's Day Car show – pre-registrations are way ahead of the prior year.
- ♦ Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District – The Shop Local event was very successful.

Public Comment – None

Sara asked about the open meeting law training. This is on hold for the time being. Chris will touch base with Jo Anne about perhaps scheduling a review during a scheduled meeting.

Suggestions for agenda items should be emailed to the Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Watson  
Administrative Assistant

Next BEDC meeting scheduled for June 25, 2013

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