



## Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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# MINUTES

## WICKFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, January 11, 2018

**Attendance:** Curtis Givan, George Brennan, Sarah Folger, Palmer Beebe, Martha Pughe, Kevin Maloney (Town Councilman), Dave Wrenn (public)

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm.
2. **Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(c), notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website**
3. **Minutes:** Minutes for November and December were unanimously approved as presented.
4. **Old Business:**

**EDAB Updates** - Outreach to North End 1/16 at DMS – Beebe reported that all normal agenda items will be suspended for the public forum.

**Design Guideline Update** – Response to Call for HD Control – Beebe report that there has been no other design guideline steering committee to date but there are draft guidelines that are being evaluated by the Planning Department staff. They will be releasing the draft to the steering committee soon. Some discussion was shared regarding the previous DGSC meeting where Lacey called for vote for guidance regarding expanding the historic district to include Brown Street.

**WEDAB Outreach** – Update on ‘meme’ – Folger developed a meme based on information provided by Brennan. This meme was posted by Dolan on the town’s Facebook page. Folger also created a video promoting the upcoming EDAB outreach at DMS.

**Wickford El Update** – There is no new information at this time.

### 5. New Business

**WEDAB Meeting Schedule 2018** – A new WEDAB meeting schedule was presented and approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7pm. This schedule was approved.

#### **Repurposing the Annex @ 55 Brown Street**

Project Overview – The developer for the Annex has presented their vision for the Annex which will be named the Old Library Theater and the restaurant will be named Chadsey’s. Beebe reported that concerns over preservation are being addressed with a façade easement and the town will have first option to purchase if the building is ever resold. The entire proposal is available to the public on the town’s website.

Plan for Public Dissemination – Beebe noted that WEDAB’s February meeting will feature a public forum focused on the project.

**6. Future Business:**

**Agenda Item Suggestions** – Brennan reminded the board that he was interested in learning about local grants the have been secured and what the town’s match would be. Brennan was also interested in learning details of upcoming construction projects that may disrupt commerce in the village.

**7. Public Comment:** There was no additional public comment.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned 6:47pm.