

Clifftondale Revitalization Committee
Minutes: January 17, 2022
Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 886 18631 9585, Passcode: 947330
Posted for: 7:00 PM

Starting time: 7:05 PM

In attendance: Chairman Joe Vecchione, Secretary Debra Panetta, Corinne Riley, Chris Riley, Susan Palomba, Peter Rossetti Jr., Glen Davis, Tom Traverse

Guest: Chris Reilly, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Absent: Allen Panico, Jeannie Bartolo, Julie Mitchell

Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order. He took attendance.

Debra Panetta made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 24, 2021. The Chair seconded.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Chris Riley made a motion to approve the minutes dated September 20, 2021, with one correction. The Chair seconded.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

There was a discussion on whether to adopt the Final Report of the Clifftondale Revitalization Committee. The Chair reviewed some of the updates made, where Chris Riley and Peter Rossetti submitted some suggestions before the meeting. Debra Panetta has several suggested revisions and follow-up questions that the Committee discussed. Corinne Riley had a suggested change that the Chair will incorporate into the report.

Chris Reilly, the Director of Planning and Economic Development, stated that the MAPC was finishing up on the Master Plan. Although he didn't know when the public meeting was going to be held (he needed to consult with the Town Manager and the MAPC), he was hoping it would be in the next couple of months.

The Committee discussed next steps and felt that it would be ideal to get input from all five Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town Manager, the Planning Board, and the Director of Economic Development prior to the final submission to Town Meeting. Peter Rossetti wanted to include an 'endorsement' request when sending out the Committee's report, which he felt was valuable the last time he sat on a Clifftondale Revitalization Committee years ago. Everyone felt it was important to get the report to Town Meeting members with enough time for them to review before the Annual Meeting in May 2022.

Motion made by Debra Panetta: To vote the Final Report of the Clifftondale Revitalization Committee, and send it to the five Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town Manager, the Planning Board,

and the Director of Economic Development, asking for their 1/ Endorsement, 2/ Endorsement with comments, or 3/ non-Endorsement, no later than February 28, 2022. The Chair will consolidate these comments, and the Committee will meet again in March to decide whether to incorporate comments into the final report. A final vote will be taken by the Committee, and the Final report will be sent to the Saugus Town Meeting members prior to the Annual Meeting.

Voted: Unanimously

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their input.

Debra Panetta made a motion to adjourn. The Chair seconded.

Voted: Unanimous

Adjourned: 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted, Debra Panetta, Secretary