

# **Council on Economic Development**

## **Minutes**

**Meeting: August 12, 2005, 1:00 pm**

**Judge Welsh Room**

### *Present:*

Members: Steve Melamed, Gabby Hanna, Paul DeRuyter, Bill Dougal

Staff: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Acting Assistant Town Manager/Grant Administrator Michelle Jarusiewicz,

Public: Alix Ritchie, Ellen Burbank

Town Manager Keith Bergman called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm, introduced members, and indicated that the members could elect a chair and vice chair at this time or wait until a future meeting.

Bill Dougal nominated Steve Melamed as Chairman

Gabby Hanna: second

Approved 4-0

Paul DeRuyter nominated Bill Dougal as Vice-Chairman

Gabby Hanna: second

Approved 4-0

Various materials were distributed such as printouts from relative web-sites: the Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corp, the Town of Provincetown's, MOTT, and Massachusetts Cultural Council.

General discussion about various economic development entities in area.

Bill Dougal discussed the very broad expanse of the issue of economic development and inquired if it would be possible to hire Kathryn Rafter or Vicky Keith to facilitate a structured process to figure out who is the EDC and what are we trying to achieve? Gabby Hanna indicated that she thought Ms. Keith was available.

General discussion of the need for resources and potential sources such as the general fund, the tourism fund, and grants. The Visitor Services Board wants collaboration. The suggestion was made to invite the VSB Chair to a future meeting to discuss how they might coordinate.

Bill Dougal indicated that it is critical to reach out to other boards such as the Community Preservation Committee, the VSB, the Planning Board, and the Provincetown Housing Partnership. He also indicated that there was a need for baseline data.

Keith Bergman invited the EDC to participate in the discussion about the creation of a 5<sup>th</sup> category in the Growth Management By-Law for setting aside gallonage for economic development.

Next meeting scheduled for August 19, 2005 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Adjourned 2:28 pm.