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Economic Development Committee

Town Hall- 40 Center Street-Fairhaven,

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 5:30PM

The Economic Development Committee meeting focused on two main topics: a presentation about proposed 40B housing development and updates on economic development activities. Rick Raposo, CEO and President of Commercial Drywall and Construction, presented plans for a 224–225-unit housing development on Huttleston Avenue, including details about building layouts, parking requirements, and the family-owned nature of the project. Alyssa provided an update on the upcoming elimination of the Office of Tourism, Community, and Economic Development as of July 1st, noting ongoing discussions about potential continuations of services and expressing gratitude for community support during her tenure. The committee also discussed recent ribbon cuttings and new businesses, including the upcoming Krave poutine truck in the Bask parking lot on Alden Road and the status of the Indigo Spa ribbon cutting. John Hindes provided an update on the Town lease project awaiting communication with Rebecca Roughly regarding grant opportunities.

Committee Meeting

The Economic Development Committee meeting began with participants joining, including Alyssa who had initially been missed. The meeting was recorded for Government Access Channel and would be replayed on channel 97 and posted online. The chair reviewed the previous meeting minutes with assistance from Derek and Pavement TV, and the committee approved them unanimously.

40B Housing Development Plans

Rick Raposo, CEO and President of Commercial Drywall and Construction, presented plans for a 40B housing development project on Huddleston Avenue featuring 224-225 rental units across 12 acres of a 36-acre site. The development will include three to four buildings with a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom units, along with parking facilities and amenities like bike paths. The project is expected to begin construction by the end of next year, with one building being completed at a time.

starting from the rear of the site and will be managed by a hired company rather than the developer's family business.

Office Elimination and Transition Updates

Alyssa provided an update on the upcoming elimination of the Office of Tourism, Community, and Economic Development as of July 1st, and discussed her recent work coordinating events and initiatives with Todd Migliacci. She expressed support for continuing economic development efforts and mentioned ongoing discussions with the town administrator about potential future initiatives. The board members expressed appreciation for Alyssa's contributions during her time in office and wished her well in her future endeavors, including her Fulbright experience.

Business Updates and Community Planning

The committee discussed updates on ribbon cuttings and new businesses in the area. As of this date we have not heard back from Indigo Spa yet, however, Karyn Ferreria offered to reach out to Brianna at Indigo Spa. A new food truck called Krave has set up in the Bask Dispensary's parking lot. Regarding the Town lease, John confirmed the next step was to pursue a grant, with Rebecca Roughly handling the application process. The group decided to postpone their next scheduled meeting due to July vacations and hot weather conditions.