

PORTSMOUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

August 9, 2023

<b>Call to Order</b>	A regular meeting of the Portsmouth Economic Development Committee (PEDC) was called to order by Chair Steve Johnson at 5:30 pm on August 9, 2023, at the Leonard Brown House at Glen Farm, 121 Linden Lane.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Members in attendance: Emil Cipolla, Dan Corrigan, Joe Forgione, Timothy Grissett, Richard Hood, Steve Johnson, Raymond Keller, Michael Mineau, and Theodore Pietz.  Members absent: Brian Conwell.  Ex-Officio Richard Talipsky was present.  Town Council Liaison Len Katzman was absent.  Guests: Nancy Grieb.
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	None.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve the June 21, 2023, minutes by Richard Hood, seconded by Dan Corrigan. Unanimous approval.
<b>Correspondence</b>	None.
<b>Chair's Report</b>	Steve Johnson stated that next Wednesday, August 16, will be the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Glen Manor House and encouraged everyone to attend the event. He also mentioned that we are seeking additional committee members to fill the vacancies in the committee, including a youth representative.
<b>Business Director's Report</b>	Richard Talipsky's report is covered under Old Business.
<b>Old Business</b>	<b>Broadband</b> – Ted Pietz drafted a letter regarding RI Commerce BEAD funding formula recommendations for local municipalities and State representatives of Aquidneck Island and Jamestown to sign. The committee consensus was to take no action.  <b>Information Systems Improvement</b> – Rich Talipsky reported that the PEDC webpage will be ported and preserved into the Town's website as the domain page expires soon. Dick Hood and Michael Mineau will collaborate with Rich to update the PEDC sub-page content.  <b>PEDC Program of Work – Comprehensive Community Plan</b> – Steve Johnson reported that the subcommittee met last week and discussed which items they felt should be prioritized. After group discussion and feedback from the PEDC, items ED-2.1c, ED-2.2a, ED-2.4a, ED-2.4c-d, ED-3.1a, ED-3.1d, ED-3.2a, ED-5.1b and ED-5.2c were selected as our initial priorities.

