

**PORTSMOUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting  
September 20, 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 5:34 pm on September 20, 2023, in the Portsmouth Room at Portsmouth Town Hall.
<b>Roll Call</b>	Members in attendance: Brian Conwell, Dan Corrigan, Joe Forgione, Secretary Timothy Grissett, Richard Hood, Chair Steve Johnson, Raymond Keller, and Michael Mineau.  Members absent: Emil Cipolla and Vice Chair Theodore Pietz.  Ex-Officio Richard Talipsky was present.  Town Council Liaison Len Katzman was absent.
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	None.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion to approve the August 9, 2023 minutes by Richard Hood, seconded by Raymond Keller. Unanimous approval.
<b>Correspondence</b>	None.
<b>Chair's Report</b>	Steve Johnson reported the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Glen Manor House was a success. Our Town Historian, Jim Garman, gave a presentation on the history of this important estate.
<b>Business Director's Report</b>	Richard Talipsky's report is covered under Old Business.
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Broadband</b> – The Town Council formally released on August 15 the \$50,000 of ARPA funds allocated for Portsmouth's portion of the Aquidneck Island broadband effort being led by the City of Newport.</p> <p><b>Information Systems Improvement</b> – Richard Talipsky stated the Town Administrator is working with the ISM to create an action plan. He also noted that the next FY budget calculations will commence in the next few months and would be a suitable time for the PEDC to offer its assistance.</p> <p><b>PEDC Program of Work – Comprehensive Community Plan</b> – The group reviewed the previously prioritized items and began to fill out the subcommittees that will work on the PEDC's action items.</p> <p><b>PEDC and Business Development Annual Report</b> – Richard Talipsky has received input and photos that will be included in the report that will be submitted to the Town Council.</p> <p><b>Buy Local Program</b> – The Tradewing contract has been signed and is waiting for data from the Portsmouth Business Association to be imported into the program.</p>

<b>New Business</b>	Development Initiative for "The Glen" – This item is postponed to a future meeting.
<b>Open Discussion</b>	None.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 18, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Portsmouth Room at the Town Hall.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn by Joe Forgione, seconded by Richard Hood. Unanimous approval. Adjourned at 6:30 pm.
<b>Submitted for Approval</b>	<del>Timothy Grissett, Secretary</del> Michael Mineau, Acting Secretary
<b>Approval</b>	Motion by: Richard Hood                      Seconded by: Joe Forgione Vote: Unanimous
<b>Submitted for the Record</b>	Steve Johnson, Chair                      Date: 10-18-23 