



Economic Development Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8th 2020

Location: Ashland Town Hall, SB Room
101 Main Street, Ashland, MA 01721

Opened meeting at 3:10pm

Attendance: Julia Chase, Dennis Ahern, Pam Bathen, Garrett Quinn (Absent: Alan Macintosh)

Business Incentive Program Review of Applications:

- Review of 2Mauro's Café business incentive application. Applicant applied for the sign and façade and amenities financing incentive. Applicant requested \$20,000 for rental assistance, \$20,000 for equipment purchases and \$5,000 for sign and façade improvements. The applicant has made a personal investment of over \$300,000 on renovations of the space. The monies requested through the business incentive program will be used for signage, rental assistance and gas griddle and refrigerator purchase. Applicant met all requirements required in the rules and regulations. J. Chase made motion to recommend application, P. Bathen seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Group discussed possible ideas to help support businesses in 2020:

- Group discussed a potential Restaurant month to help support the many restaurants in town. With 5 new restaurants opening in town this year we would like to celebrate that Ashland has many options for dining and try to draw in patrons from neighboring towns as well as Ashland. The group brainstormed ideas which will be drafted and discussed at the next meeting on February 12th at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Reynolds

Economic Development Director

Town of Ashland