



Economic Development Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11th 2020

Location: Ashland Town Hall, SB Room

101 Main Street, Ashland, MA 01721

Opened meeting at 8:10am

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

Business Incentive Program Review of Applications:

1. Review of BioSurfaces business incentive application. Applicant applied for the amenities financing incentive. Applicant requested \$30,000 for equipment. The applicant has made a personal investment of over \$250,000 on equipment to move from strictly research projects to development of their biotechnology. The monies requested through the business incentive program will be used to purchase the Keyence Laser Microscope that will be used for quality control. Applicant met all requirements required in the rules and regulations. A. Macintosh made motion to recommend application, G. Quinn seconded. Vote was unanimous.
2. Restaurant Week discussion: Dates discussed were May 3-8 and May 10-15. Sunday-Friday. Group discussed that restaurants should give a promotion, instead of a discount. Examples: Signature pizza for \$10 or special 3 course meal. Event would be marketed on social media sites, newspapers, hometown hospitality. Beth will add to the details and group can discuss again at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Reynolds

Economic Development Director

Town of Ashland