

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 16, 2022 Meeting

Zoom Meeting

*Introductions (if needed)

*Approve Minutes from February Meeting

*Marketing Commercial Properties-Brian

*TIF Update:_ Kara

*Sidewalk Art- Nancy Baker

*Tour of Dragon, Lyman-Morse and Brooks Trap Mill with Federal Delegation staff and Maine DECD-Brian

*Thomaston Main Street- Brian

*Video Display Board - Mandy

*4th of July Update- Brian

Pursuing Grants:

Shorefront Planning Grant- Toured Kiln Parcel with Peter McCrea Gartley and Dorsky and Prock Marine

T Mobil- Funds for Watts Hall- Version 2

Lowe's Hometown Grant- Version 2

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21st @9:00am - Select Board Room

Strategy to Move Forward on Development of Commercial Properties Draft

Thomaston should expect to have some additional commercial property for sale soon. I've listed some thoughts below to begin discussing some ideas on how to successfully market commercial properties.

Create a web page dedicated to the property

Create a color document with an accurate image of the parcel that can be used on a website or sent in a pdf via email.

Point of contact and contact information for the parcel

Size of Parcel, Zoning, Power, Broadband, Water, Sewer, Workforce in region.

What makes doing business in Thomaston attractive?

Property is Pre-permitted

Lower energy costs- Will Dragon allow energy to be brought to the site that is behind the meter?

Indicate Access to Rt 1- Distance to 95

Have access to a revolving loan fund to act as GAP financing- quick turnaround

Training and Recruitment of workforce at Midcoast School of Technology

Workforce Recruitment - CareerCenter in Rockland

Water/Sewer costs? Can this be lowered by X % for Y months (eliminate/reduce fees)

Apply for USDA funds to install water and sewer

Discuss Use of TIF funds for Credit Enhancement Agreement with Select Board?

Discuss use of TIF funds to lower some infrastructure costs?

Assist company with accessing state and federal incentives and licenses.