

TIVERTON RESOLUTION

2023-0005A

ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE TO
DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE
TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL AN
ECONOMIC/REVITALIZATION PLAN
FOR TIVERTON'S NORTH END AND
PLANFUL BUILD OUT OF THE
TIVERTON INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS
PARK

WHEREAS, the residents of Tiverton, through the Comprehensive Plan, want business and residential development to be carried out in a thoughtful, planned way that helps keep Tiverton's character while recognizing the rights of property owners to develop their land in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, recent applications for business and residential developments in the area of town north of Route 24 to the Massachusetts state line bounded on the west by the Sakonnet River and on the east by Fish Road have faced significant opposition from Tiverton residents; and

WHEREAS, this section of Tiverton clearly needs a more planful approach to identifying and enticing businesses that fit the characteristics of the Pedestrian Friendly District, Traditional Main Street, and Pedestrian Friendly Destination articulated in the form-based zoning code approved by the Town Council in 2014, including the development of much-needed publicly accessible open space (parks, trails, etc.) in this area; and

WHEREAS, the recent decision by Northpoint Development Corporation to end the purchase and sale agreement for the majority of the remaining parcels in the Tiverton Industrial/Business Park has created an opportunity for a more planful approach to identifying and marketing to businesses compatible with the needs and desires of the Town and our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tiverton recently received a grant of \$30,000 from the RI Commerce Corporation which can be used for developing a marketing plan for the Industrial/Business Park and the Tiverton Town Council recently allocated \$100,000 for a redevelopment/economic development plan for the North end of Tiverton as described above; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 407(6) of the Tiverton Home Rule Charter grants to the Town Council the ability to create committees not established by Charter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council hereby establishes the Tiverton North End and Industrial/Business Park Advisory Subcommittee of the Tiverton Economic Development Commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting membership of this subcommittee shall consist of the following:

- Two (2) members of the Town Council, one of whom shall serve as the Chair of the Committee.
- Two (2) members of the Tiverton Economic Development Commission,
- One (1) member of the Tiverton Planning Board,
- One (1) member of the Tiverton Open Space Commission,
- One (1) member of the Tiverton Recreation and Beach Commission,
- Four (4) electors of the Town of Tiverton with preference given to those who live in or adjacent to the areas to be studied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of this subcommittee,

- The Tiverton Town Administrator, or his designee;
- The Tiverton Town Planner;
- The Tiverton Building Inspector and/or Zoning Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator shall seek a qualified individual or firm with expertise in community development to provide professional support to the subcommittee and shall make recommendations for approval of that firm or individual by the Tiverton Town Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the subcommittee is charged with developing a revitalization and economic development plan for this section of the North End of Tiverton and for the Industrial/Business Park that includes streetscape and building enhancements, accessible public open space, bicycle lanes, and the potential for public transit and which is consistent with the form-based code, the comprehensive plan and respects the rights of property owners under the current zoning regulations; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the subcommittee must provide sufficient opportunity for public input through the use of surveys, charettes and other public engagement tools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Subcommittee shall submit their report to the Tiverton Economic Development Commission no later than ~~September 1, 2023~~ February 1, 2024, and the Economic Development Commission shall review, finalize and make recommendations to the Tiverton Town Council no later than ~~November 1, 2023~~ April 1, 2024. The report and recommendations shall include recommendations for state, federal, and private funding opportunities to implement the plan.

The Tiverton North End and Industrial/Business Park Subcommittee shall comply with all requirements of the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-1, et. seq.

Adopted on March 13, 2023, Presented by Councilor Burk
Amended on June 12, 2023, to extend due dates for report and for EDC recommendation

WHERETO: The following bear witness:



Denise M. deMedeiros, Town Council President

Date: June 12, 2023