



Cape Cod Economic Development Council

3225 Main Street, PO Box 226, Barnstable, MA 02630

Minutes, April 17, 2013

Strategic Planning Session

Thirwood Place
237 North Main Street
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Present:

Ken Cirillo, M. Pat Flynn, John Harris, John Kilroy, Brian Mannal, Felicia Penn, Rick Presbrey, Paul Rumul, David Willard, Dan Wolf, Jay Zavala

Absent:

Alice Boyd, Allen White,

Also Attending:

CCC Staff: Leslie Richardson, Taree McIntyre; Remotely - Paul Niedzwiecki

Barnstable County Commissioners: Bill Doherty, Sheila Lyons

Facilitator: Warren Rutherford

Felicia Penn called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM in the conference room of Thirwood Place. Ms. Penn began a brief history of the Cape Cod Economic Development Council (CCEDC) but chose to move the meeting along when Paul Niedzwiecki joined the meeting remotely from a planning conference in Chicago.

Mr. Niedzwiecki was asked to address the effect on the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) if there was no continued grant funding from the CCEDC. Mr. Niedzwiecki responded that the funds were used for Economic Development staffing and The Regional Economic Strategy Executive Team (RESET) which undertakes several municipal technical assistance projects a year. The funds are also used to leverage additional grant funds, currently from the Federal Economic Development Administration. Contracting project consultants is sometimes necessary and the grant funds help make that possible. Mr. Niedzwiecki stated that without the support of the CCEDC grant funds, the Cape Cod Commission's ability to provide services to the region would be diminished. Mr. Niedzwiecki excused himself from the meeting.

Ms. Penn introduced Warren Rutherford, former Barnstable Town Manager and current owner of The Executive Suite, Hyannis, MA. Mr. Rutherford instructed each person present to state their ideas for the direction of the CCEDC over the next three to five years and then they would be given a second chance to comment on follow-up. After a break, the discussion focused on identifying specific action steps based on the ideas developed in the first exercise. Notes from the consultant are attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.