

On November 9, 2021, on a motion by Joanne Crowley, seconded by Mary Vilbon, the committee voted 5-0 to approve these minutes.

Town of Yarmouth

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF
September 14, 2021

The Yarmouth Community & Economic Development Committee held a regular Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. The meeting was conducted in the Yarmouth Town Hall Room A.

Committee Members Present: Stephen O'Neil, Joe Manning, Joe Gibbs, Ken Smith, Joanne Crowley and Mary Vilbon

Staff: Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Karen Greene, Director of Community Development

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The meeting was opened by Ken Smith at 4:00pm

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1. Discussion with State Senator Julian Cyr

State Senator Julian Cyr entered the meeting via Zoom to discuss Town of Yarmouth economic challenges and opportunities. Senator Cyr presented an update on recent State government activity. He reported that state revenues were currently robust and there was also a significant amount of federal funding available to Massachusetts communities. Senator Cyr noted the common challenges among Cape Cod towns, such as a lack wastewater infrastructure and workforce housing. It was noted that the State government is offering MassWorks grants for infrastructure projects.

One member asked the State Senator about possible legislation that would affect the restaurant industry regarding wage monitoring for the "80/20 rule". Senator Cyr reported that he did not believe that legislation was imminent. Another member asked if there are any state grants available that could help provide additional staff for the Town of Yarmouth. Mr. Cyr responded that most state grants are designed to provide funding for infrastructure needs as opposed to staffing needs. The committee also inquired with Senator Cyr regarding federal grants for broadband planning. Senator Cyr suggested that the Town reach out to Congressman Bill Keating's office regarding that topic. It was also noted by Mr. Cyr that Yarmouth missed out on realizing significant revenues from the potential Vineyard Wind project that ended up locating in Barnstable.

The committee thanked the Senator for his time and both parties expressed an interest in reconnecting in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15pm