

City of Biddeford
Downtown Development Commission
June 22, 2020 5:30 PM Via ZOOM
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- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. May 11, 2020 Downtown Development Commission Minutes
[5-11-2020 DDC Meeting Minutes.docx](#)
- 3. New Business**
 - 3.1. Change of Meeting Date
 - 3.2. Planning & Development Director Update - Mathew Eddy
 - 3.3. Downtown Reopening Impacts
- 4. Next Meeting**
- 5. Adjourn**



CITY OF BIDDEFORD

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May 11, 2020
5:30p, Zoom

PRESENT: Brenner, Edwards, Emhiser, Phillips, Swanton

ABSENT: Saliwanchik

CITY STAFF: Owens, Eddy, Phinney

- I. Call to order, 5:35p (Chair – now Phillips)
- II. Approval of April minutes
 - a. Moved: Edwards, Second: Emhisher, Discussion: None, Vote: Unanimous (Voice and hand raised)
- III. Reports - Phillips
 - a. Downtown Wifi Update
 - i. Microsoft will cover 3 hot spots.
 - ii. Need: Labor cost
 - iii. Phillips will send approval to appropriate parties to proceed with installation to Favreau who will follow up with building owners
 - iv. Renewal of first installations coming up – need price from Axiom
- IV. New Business
 - a. Employment /Jobs Update – Eddy
 - i. Biddeford Job Retention Program
 1. Based on two surveys and one forum (another tomorrow 5/12)
 2. Two groups (under 5 employees and 5-20 employees); grants for \$12,500 to start (some future HUD funding possible) – have to be 80% AMI to qualify and in downtown district (Main St and Mill). Businesses outside of the area will be directed toward other sources of funding/grant opportunities.
 3. Favreau will be lead on application process and reporting.
 4. CDBG is also being planned and reviewed for the next year. Plan is to fund the “hubs” of need:
 - a. Seeds of Hope
 - b. 43 Sullivan/Apex
 - c. Meals on Wheels
 - b. New DDC Members
 - i. Please recruit and send names to Jon
 - c. RiverWalk Park Update
 - i. Planning process stalled for now
 - ii. Will re-start when safe to convene meetings

- V. Upcoming Meeting Dates, first Mondays
 - a. June 1, 5:30p – probably via Zoom
- VI. Adjourn – 6:11p
 - a. Moved: Emhiser, Second: Phillips, Vote: Unanimous