

IDA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2019
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes 4-24-20

The committee meeting was called to order at 11:10am.

In attendance: Tom Cruso
Tracy Stark-James
Dick Ehlers
Tony Barresi

Absent: Lori Ann Pipczynski

- I. Fire District Exemption/Assessors – The Executive Director informed the committee that correspondence was sent to the Town Board and impacted companies. Communication was ongoing with Town Counsel and IDA liaison Councilman Tim Hubbard. Dick Ehlers informed the committee that the Agency will have to complete and file the appropriate forms to the Board of Assessment Review and he will contact the Assessment Review Boards counsel to begin the process.
- II. The committee then took the agenda out of order to discuss whether there will be a meeting as scheduled for May 4th. The committee agreed that the Agency should work toward having a limited agenda to address ministerial items that are backlogging. The ED will contact the Town to see if it is authorized. Tom Cruso motioned to request a meeting to be held using the technology made available through the Town. Anthony Barresi seconded.
- III. The committee then resumed the order of the agenda and the Executive Director notified them that a resolution is necessary for the Agency to opt out of NYS paid family leave and a new form must be submitted to the insurance company to opt out. It will be on the next board meeting.
- IV. The committee discussed options to provide assistance to businesses in midst of the COVID crisis. The ED discussed sales tax exemption possibilities and the hurdles to offering a viable emergency tax exemption. After some discussion it was decided to recommend steering businesses to Suffolk County's program for any business that was not already in an agreement with the Agency and to offer assistance through RIDA to companies that the agency has existing agreements with.
- V. The ED then discussed the idea of proposing an economic development task force to assist the community in reopening businesses and to consider how different industries may have to adjust doing business in the future. It was decided that the ED would speak with the Town Board liaison to see how the agency could assist the Town.

VI Lastly, the ED informed the committee that the Agency had not yet signed on to write letters of support as requested by the IEDC and NDC regarding proposed federal assistance. She will look into whether we have missed the timeline. If not, she will resend the letters to the board for consideration.

| Tom Cruso motioned to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Barresi seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.