



Reply from Gene, to my minutes:

## Summary of our meeting 26April @ 8:30AM

Bill Wolfson, Gene Manning, Emilio Mauro

### Notes:

Bill Wolfson Reviewed his 8 PP slides with his thoughts. He also gave a short description of his work background.

### The following were the comments:

1. All parties agreed on introducing an Innovation focus in Canton would be plus to the Business, Education and Canton Community.
  - The three EDC members present discussed that innovation would be a interesting topic for the EDC Committee to consider exploring. At the April 2024 EDC meeting we agreed that Bill and Mindy would review options and present back to the committee in June. We also discussed that each company is a private entity and maintains their own innovation initiatives. We have no authority Canton companies or Education and the Canton Community in general as discussed multiple times. We are a advisory committee appointed by the Select Board and need to stay within the EDC guidelines and mission statement as the only priority.
2. We agreed on doing the business portion first. As discussed at the April 2024, Bill and Mindy will present a update on possible resources to add our to EDC web page.
3. We will begin by setting up a sub-committee at our next EDC meeting in June. Already approved at the April meeting which will be Bill and Mindy.
4. We will initially start with developing an online Web page that will have information regarding setting up Innovation processes, tools and links to interesting & helpful sites. The sub-team will search out helpful educational sites that provide Innovation tools and make it available on our Web page. How to market it to the Business community will have to be developed next. We discussed the possibility of badding resources to the existing EDC webpage based on the committee review providing it is within the mission

statement of our goals and initiatives. Additionally this would be need to be reviewed and by the Town Administrator and Select Board.

5. Setting up a cross function team with the business community needs to be settled. As discussed Canton has many existing companies that have been extremely innovative in their products and services such as Organogenesis, Dunkin Brands and Amazon. Based on the subcommittee recommendations and review by the full EDC committee, Town Administrator and Select Board, there is a possibility that additional resources may be added to the EDC webpage. No cross-functional team was discussed.
6. We will speak to the Canton web master to help set up the EDC web page. Web Page is existing:  
<https://www.town.canton.ma.us/347/Economic-Development-Committee>
7. We will reach out to the Neponset Chamber of Commerce ...  
Thomas J. O' Rourke, CCE, 781-769-1126  
[tom@nrrchamber.com](mailto:tom@nrrchamber.com) Where Canton is a member. Our discussion was to check the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce to what resources they are currently using. <https://www.nrrchamber.com/> Again this is a private organization that has it's own President and Board of Directors with over 100 private member companies and EDC has no affiliation with.
8. We will wait until the finances for the Paul Revere Center is finalize before reaching out to them. First step is present web link resources to the EDC committee at our June meeting. Again the Paul Revere Heritage Center is a 501c3 private organization and focused on growing the museum and learning resources for the town. Not affiliated with EDC.
9. Bill Wolfson initial web page where he keeps his data  
<http://www.projectacademy.org/mindy/>  
Please confirm that your objectives are to support the EDC and that this not affiliated in any way with Project Academy as it would be considered a conflict of interest.

