



Economic Development Commission

Branford, Connecticut

EDC Meeting January 20, 2021

Present: Perry Maresca, Richard Sgueglia, John Leonard, Alisa Waterman, Jamie Cosgrove, Cathy Lezon, Elena Cahill, Joe Gordon, Al Canosa

Call to order: Chairman Perry Maresca called the meeting to order at 8:02a

Consent Agenda: Motion to accept, Al Canosa, Second Alisa Waterman

Selectman's Report: First Selectman reported that the Town's annual budget will be worked on over the next month. Covid Vaccinations are now under way, East Shore Health District is handling 5 towns. Medical and first responders are first as well as 75 and over. 46,000 vaccinations are being done weekly in the State of Conn. CT Hospice is one of the local entities administering the vaccine to their staff and outsiders.

Planning and Zoning: Goodsell Point Marina Development, they will be building approx. 15 new homes and a clubhouse with pool, Gazebo and a recreation area. Mariners Landing, there is a list of conditions that Town Planner has submitted to the Commission for review prior to approval or denial of application.

Chamber Report: Ellen Carucci, reported that the chamber is helping small businesses to receive aid. They are sending out info on SBA Conn. They continue to provide webinars as well as shop local. January 31 they are launching the Great Shoreline Takeout to support the local restaurants. February 18th 8am is the annual meeting. Being done virtual.

Chairman's Report: 35 million dollars given from Recovery Grants. Tweed now has commuter flights to Philadelphia. Isoplexis received 135 million dollars in investment funding.

Research Committee: The info was submitted to the web master, photos and design of 6 pages. Al Canosa will continue to pursue and get this done.

New Business: There was a discussion regarding tax increases that have affected local Bio-Science companies. It was reported that tax credits are not being judged properly by the town. Perry and Jamie will be meeting to discuss this topic. They will also look at the statute regarding tax credits to make sure the town and officials are handling it properly.

Old Business: None

Public Comment: Wayne Cook has requested that he be put on the meeting agenda in February for a presentation he would like to make to the commission.

Meeting adjourned: 9:11a Motion to adjourn by Al Canosa, second by Elena Cahill.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021

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Elena Cahill • Al Canosa • Joe Gordon • John Leonard • Cathy Lezon • Perry Maresca [chair] • William O'Brien • Richard Sgueglia • Alisa Waterman • First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove [ex officio]

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