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Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019

Present: Joe Gordon, Perry Maresca, William O'Brien, Jamie Cosgrove, Richard Sgueglia, Alisa Waterman, John Leonard, Al Canosa

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Perry Maresca called the meeting to order at 8:05am
- II. **Consent Agenda:** Al Canosa moved to accept the consent agenda -with correction- and was seconded by Alisa Waterman, motion passed.
- III. **External reports**
 - A. **Selectman's Report** – The EDC Website is moving forward, as the First Selectman stated the town is looking for additional quotes on copy for the website. The Special Projects position and the head of Economic Development will not be the same as previously held. The First Selectman stated that the town is looking for greater value if the position is to be filled. The Blackstone Library should be completed in January. The Community Center is fully operational. The Walsh School is on schedule, January 6 the students will occupy the new section.
 - B. **P & Z** – Brandfon Honda is expanding parking for new cars on Pent Road. The Thimble Island Brewery is requesting change to allow food preparation for on-site consumption in their IG-2 zone. Bausch & Stroebel is moving forward with their new building on 139 and Thompson Road.
 - C. **Chamber Report:** Shoreline Chamber of Commerce is stronger than ever as list of members continues to grow.
 - D. **Chairman's Update:** Peter Indeck has resigned for the EDC, a citizen's letter was read with suggestions on his replacement. Perry, as a member of the Small Business Council, and representing the EDC, met with Lt Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Senator Christine Cohen, Shoreline Chamber President Sheri Cote, and a handful of others, dedicated to creating a strong regional alliance east of New Haven. Area from New Haven to Milford has the highest population of Millennials. OR&L is one of the largest Commercial Property Managers in greater New Haven. CAS Medical is the second largest publicly traded company behind Sikorsky. Other than New Haven, Branford tops the list with three Grant Winners of National Institutes of Health. The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce is the 4th largest in the State.
- IV. **Committee Reports and Unfinished Business**
 - E. **Research Committee:** Al Canosa reported that he will continue his efforts to complete the EDC Website. The committee is awaiting additional quotes for copy. The plan moving forward: Al, Perry and Rich will meet to try to complete the website within 8 weeks, once the copy is completed.
 - F. **Resource Committee:** Rich reported that Brian Quinn contacted him regarding the latest court ruling: Municipalities have the right to use utility poles within their borders to build out broadband internet networks as a means to provide service to residents and businesses'. This was known as Municipal gain.
 - G. **Retention Committee:** Perry reported that the next EDC award will go to BCTV at our December 18th meeting.
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. **New/Other business:** 10 Cocheco Ave posted for demolition, no objections from Commission. Emily Granelli from BH Care will be at the next EDC meeting, with a presentation about their newest facility on West Main Street
 - B. **Public Comment/Correspondence:** Wayne Cook commented on the Hybrid Zone at exit 53. Also additional comments were made by Mr Cooke regarding his property located along Route 1 off of exit 56, he is looking for the same consideration that is being asked for at exit 53.
 - C. **Announcements/Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned 9:14am, motion to adjourn by Rich Sgueglia