



Economic Development Commission

Branford, Connecticut

EDC Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

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

Call to order: Chairman Perry Maresca called the meeting held via ZOOM to order at 8:07

Consent Agenda: Motion to accept by Cathy Lezon, Second by Rich Sgueglia

Selectman's Report: First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove stated that he made one addition to the 2021-2022 Economic Development Commission budget to include a part time manager for the EDC. The First Selectman met with a property owner who is looking to open a restaurant. However, the parking regulations create an issue. The First Selectman stated that there is sufficient parking to support the businesses in town. The town is working with the East Shore Health District getting town residents vaccinated.

Planning and Zoning: Older houses and cottages are being knocked down to build new houses. The old Whitewood school is regrading some of the property. Goodsell Point Housing and Marina has been approved.

Chamber Report: Ellen Carucci reported that the Chamber Annual meeting and Legislative forum was well attended. The Chamber is still working with the Clean Air Committee on incentives for local businesses. The Chamber is also promoting BYOB, Bring Your Own Blanket supporting local restaurants. Conn. Business Day, CBIA held a webinar on March 16th.

Chairman's Report: Nothing additional to above.

Research Committee: Perry stated that we have a commitment from the individuals doing the website that it should be active by April 1st.

New Business: None

Old Business: Perry will follow up regarding the discussion regarding the process on business taxes.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned: 9:41, motion to adjourn John Leonard, second by Alisa Waterman.

Next Meeting: April 21, 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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