



## Economic Development Commission

## Branford, Connecticut

### EDC Meeting November 18, 2020

Present:

Elena Cahill, Al Canosa, Jamie Cosgrove, John Leonard, Cathy Lezon, Perry Maresca, Bill O'Brien, Richard Sgueglia, Alisa Waterman.

**Call to order:** Chairman Perry Maresca call the meeting to order at 8:04

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to accept, Al Canosa, Second John Leonard

**External Reports:** Representative Sean Scanlon reported on the status of Tweed-New Haven Airport. American Airlines has pulled out of the airport. Other major airlines are interested in Tweed. Estimated that the airline market won't recover until 2023. The runway will be extended as planned, but right now there is not enough travel activity to support the amount of business needed.

**Selectman's Report:** The first Selectman reported on the rising COVID cases. The pandemic continues to affect many businesses in Town. Recent meeting with Town Center Merchants brought ideas on how to safely promote visiting these businesses. Also stated that the Limewood Avenue project is underway and on schedule. The East Main Street Island is now complete where it meets North Main Street.

**Planning and Zoning:** No major new projects going on, the Todd's Hill Housing Development with 13 or 14 new homes is moving forward. Metro Star is moving quickly on the property located on East Main Street. Aldi has made some minor adjustments and construction will be starting soon.

**Chamber Report:** Sheri Cote is stepping down from the chamber, plans are in the works carving out next steps regarding the chamber and who will take over the position.

**Chairman's Report:** There is going to be an Economic Forum with Governor Lamont, Chairman Maresca will send out the info to the commission members. State has been promoting "Live Green" with their weekly Zoom meetings including the Municipal Electric Vehicle Readiness program. PURA is actively supporting this initiative as well. Concern of how the Town interprets some of the property tax guidelines from the State was discussed. More information will be gathered.

**Research Committee:** Al Canosa reported that he has sent an email to the webmaster on November 16th to get an update when the pages for the website will be completed. He will follow up if he does not hear from her.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comment:** Wayne Cook thanked the commission for supporting equal treatment, including hybrid zoning, at all four of the I-95 interchanges.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:20

**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2020

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Chairman  
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