

EDC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:30pm

Via Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order: Brett Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Members in Attendance: Brett Mastroianni, Nicole Porter, Jennifer Dayton

Members absent: Paul Simonds, Stefan Grufstedt, Jennifer Strunk, Anthony Mazzella (alternate), Jennifer Anderson, Will Mason, Salvatore Cherenzia

Staff present: Juliet Hodge, PDZO

Public Present: Nita Kincaid, Selectwoman, Darren Ballelli

Public Comment: None.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Treasurer's Report: There was no report.

PDZO Report: J. Hodge reported that Carla Bartolucci, the owner of Jovial Foods died recently. Currently there are talks going on between her husband and children to carry on the project. Mystic Pizza 2 is looking to expand their outdoor seating but there is a high price for the sewer expansion needed. They are now interested in also tying in with sewers sooner rather than later. The Route 2 Business Walk project is on hold until we know if expansion of the business's septic systems will still be an issue. There has been some talk of meeting with Rt 2 businesses to brainstorm solutions.

Discussions:

- a. **Juliet Hodge's Resignation:** There was a discussion surrounding the resignation of Juliet Hodge. EDC members expressed an interest in being involved in any exit interviews that take place in order to learn, understand and possibly revise the current job description to recruit and retain a qualified applicant.
- b. **RFP for 298 Norwich-Westerly Rd Property:** Open bids for the lease or sale of the old Middle School/High School took place from May 20, 2021 through June 4, 2021. The property had been assessed at approximately \$8 million and it has been appraised at \$12 million. The next steps lie with the Board of Selectman.
- a. **Update on Rte. 2 Walkway:** There is a meeting of the Council of Governments on 5/6/21 that may give us more information about the possibility of creating this landscaped walkway along Rte. 2. There are two landscapers already on board with the project and a sketch is being developed.

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm (N. Porter/J. Dayton) Motion carried 3-0

Monday, 6/7/21 All Boards and Commissions Special Board of Selectman Meeting

Tuesday, 6/15/21 Town Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Porter & Juliet Hodge