

EDC REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 at 5:30pm
THE OLD TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order: Brett Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 5:37pm

Members in Attendance: Brett Mastroianni, Sam Cherenzia, Jenn Anderson, Stefan Grufstedt, Paul Simonds

Members absent: Dugan Tillman-Brown, David Isom, and Toulia Balestracci

Staff present: Juliet Hodge, PDZO

Public Present: Nita Kincaid, Selectman

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve regular meeting minutes 6/20/19 and Workshop Minutes from 7/18/19 (S.Cherenzia/J. Anderson) Motion passed: 5-0-0

Treasurer's Report: J. Hodge presented the Year End final accounting.

PDZO Report: Committee reviewed J. Hodge's activity report. Some of the topics discussed:

- "Large mixed-use project" at rotary has lost some traction, no other details presented. Another possible developer for the same parcel asked whether the PZC might consider changing the ratio requirements for residential to commercial square-footage on mixed-use projects.
- Recreational use project was brought up but was described as a very early possibility and no area has been identified as fit-for-use at this time.
- Solar Farms application under review for 89 Providence NL Tpke. Other parcels have been bought by solar companies, but no plans submitted.
- Progress on water/sewer project has been slow, perhaps updates after election would be appropriate.
- Nano-brewery at 2 Wyassup Rd. will be opening soon.
- No update on Trillium Farm-Brewery project.

J. Hodge requested permission to attend a training session on small-scale development on Oct. 10 at Eversource Headquarters in Berlin. J. Hodge discussed other upcoming events of possible interest to the Commission.

Motion made and seconded (S. Cherenzia/P. Simonds) to send J. Hodge to a training event on Oct10th Paul 2nd 5-0-0

New Business

- NoSto Fest Sept. 21st: Commission discussed having a table near Town Hall and Brett asked members to help man the booth. Brett to make a banner.

Motion made and seconded (S. Cherenzia/P. Simonds) to reimburse Brett \$55 for cost of advertisement banner. Motion passed: 5-0-0

- seCTer Data Report: J. Hodge discussed the Data Report briefly and asked for another member to meet with her to go through the report to pull out the highlights for a future presentation. Jenn Anderson agreed to help with this. Will keep this item on future agendas.
- CEDAS Program – Best Practices in Land Use and Economic Development: J. Hodge submitted the application and if approved, the Town will be recognized at the upcoming CEDAS Annual Meeting in Bridgeport.

Old Business

- Marketing - Map Project update: Brett reported that Alicia was still working on it but has conflicts putting deliverable at risk. Question about staying with Alicia or not came up, decided to hold on current path. Juliet had concerns with 1st draft. Brett will ask for a copy of what she has to be provided by the next meeting.
- Website Update: Brett talked about website not being live and that he is still adding- tweaking the content. Brett is waiting on digital content.
- Marketing Brochure update: Brett said that 250 copies of new brochure are available. Juliet suggested that the Brochure and Business Beautification flyer should be available at NoSto Fest
- Business Visitation Update: Brett working with Jenn to promote local businesses; home based or small
- Other: possible changes to the EDC Meeting Day and Time to be discussed at the next meeting. Some interest in revitalizing the old Business Directory to get a better handle on what small businesses are in town including farms and home occupations.

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm (S. Cherenzia/B. Mastroianni) Motion carried 5-0.

Next regular meeting is October 17th at 5:30pm at New Town Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Simonds & Juliet Hodge