

Chester Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting, April 13, 2015
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Economic Development Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester Connecticut. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were Susan Wright, Felise Cressman, Michael Sanders. First Selectman Meehan arrived shortly after the meeting began.

3. Audience of Citizens – no one was present in the audience.

4. Discussion of 2015 program initiatives

Bridge Construction updates

Merchants Meeting May 6th

Chairman Wright noted she met with First Selectman Meehan who indicated the bids were out for the Main Street Phase 1 Project. There was no update on the bridge construction.

Chairman Wright noted she and Felise Cressman will attend the next Merchants Meeting on May 6th. She met with First Selectman Meehan about things to be discussed at that meeting. The key issue is deliveries. The Merchants need to start thinking about their deliveries and prepare a list of their delivery schedules. It will be divided into Merchants on the North and Merchants on the South. They then need to figure out where their deliveries will take place. The routing was briefly discussed. The Merchants also need to start thinking about parking. There was the question about what happens to the handicap parking during construction period. First Selectman Meehan noted trucks should come in and out of Main Street. Spring Street is too narrow. Parking is also available in the Water Street Parking Lot. Meehan noted the contractor will be responsible for traffic management. Snow removal was briefly discussed.

DEEP Permit Update

First Selectman Meehan briefly reviewed the DEEP permitting status for the Main Street Bridge Replacement. This should be going out to bid soon.

Wayfinding Signage

Chairman Wright noted there will be three quotes for wayfinding signage. Two have been received and the third coming in shortly. First Selectman Meehan is checking on whether the breakaway piece is absolutely necessary.

Other Business

Chairman Wright asked about the status of changes to Zoning Regulations. Michael

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Sanders noted the Planning & Zoning Commission has finally recommended new Sections 72 and 80 to go to public hearing.

First Selectman Meehan noted 10 bids were received for the Main Street Project Phase 1. He briefly reviewed the steps for choosing the lowest qualified bidder. He also noted Tilcon will be doing the milling and overlay from School Lane to Middlesex Avenue and the intersection at the Meeting House if funds are available. Meehan said hopefully there will be a contractor on board in 3 to 4 weeks. There will be an opportunity at that time to discuss traffic management with the contractor.

5. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Sanders, second by Cressman, to approve March 9, 2015 Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved with Sanders abstaining.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary