

Minutes of Economic Development Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM, August 14 , 2017

Members Mike Sanders (MS), Patricia Bandzes (PB), Carolyn Linn (CL) and Susan Wright (SW), Adam Perl (AP) and Jeffrey Liggett (JL)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Audience of citizens: Carlisle Schaffer (Little House Brewing), Joel and Lani Gargano (Grano)

Old Business

1. SW updated the status of the POCD meeting with BOS. BOF and P&Z Chairman. The Advisory Group pick Milone & MacBroom and are currently waiting for a formal contract.
2. We will need to investigate zoning of the land near Roto Frank as Spot Zoning is not legal. Waiting to hear back from First Selectman about her findings.

New Business

1. Carlisle reported they will be closing on 16 Main Street in a month or so. Financing is secure, Fire Marshall did a walk through, John Schroder is the architect, all is moving ahead nicely. It would be beneficial if we could let him know if there is any way that they would be able to empty their wastewater into the sewer system, instead of having to collect, store and haul to the Deep River waste facility. He could rent the storage truck and heater instead of having to purchase them. EDC to work with him on this.
2. Joel and Lani Gargano new owners of 6 Main are opening an Italian restaurant sometime in November. Joel is a native of Branford, has had years of experience being a chef and teacher. Both are very excited to be part of Chester.
3. EDC wants to create a list of all open commercial properties in Chester in an attempt to make all the information available on one sheet. This information would then be presented to other boards and commission, via a meeting, for them to weigh in on with opportunities and issues for each property. EDC sees this as an opportunity to keep everyone in the loop, so we can try to get some of the open spaces adding to our Grand List and assisting sellers. SW to set up a walkthrough of 33 Liberty.
4. July 10th, 2017 minutes were approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Wright