

Minutes of Economic Development Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
7:20 PM, September 23, 2019

Members: Pat Bandzes, Adam Perl (AP), Jeffrey Liggett (JL) and Susan Wright (SW)

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM

Audience of citizens: None

Old Business

1. Group Reviewed POCD and noted what task EDC had been assigned.
2. JL will create a list of open business spaces for rent or lease within Chester
3. PB updated group on the EDC 5 Town Group.
 - a. Killingworth may be joining
 - b. East Haddam Fall Festival Oct 5-6
 - c. Haddam – Historical Home Tour
4. Main Street Plans almost ready to go to BOS then to RiverCoG
 - a. Question about putting electricity underground or moving from center
 - i. Prohibitive because of expense and no room for transformer in area
 - ii. Any Property owners who feel they are not getting enough voltage have to call Eversource at 1.888.544.4826
5. Realtors looking at the Key Bank building say they need an elevation certificate for the property, without this insurance agents cannot quote flood insurance. SW to see who to contact at Key Bank.
6. Maple Street Parking lot is being renovated with new walkway, sign will be forthcoming.
7. More discussion about starting the Pre-Application Review group, need the support of the First Selectperson.
8. P Moores property being looked at for over 55 housing. Meeting set up with Joe Ming.

New Business

1. The Goodspeed Opera House is finishing their strategic planning phase and wants ideas for other uses of the building behind the Norma Terris Theatre. First Selectperson will be setting up some ongoing meetings by the end of October. PB would like to be part of those.
2. Group felt work needs to be done on all the different Town of Chester websites, which seem to be disjointed. Having a strategy and then creating policy and procedure around that would be beneficial for the whole town. AP interested in working on that.
3. Main Street Committee would like EDC to write a letter to Editor, in support of the upcoming Main Street improvements. SW will create letter for all to review.

Meeting Adjourned at 8