

Minutes of Economic Development Commission  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
7:15 PM, September 14, 2017

Members Mike Sanders (MS), Patricia Bandzes (PB), Charlene Janecek (CJ) Susan Wright (SW), and Jeffrey Liggett (JL)

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM

**Audience of citizens:** Briana Jewcyn, owner of The Hive

**Old Business**

1. ReOpen Chester
  - a. Paving done
  - b. Chester Sunday Market back downtown and doing well.
  - c. Presto Chester is doing movies at the Meeting House
  - d. A small group is working on Celebrate Chester on Saturday, September 25
2. Long Term Recovery
  - a. Porta Potties going in to the Water Street Parking Lot
  - b. Trash ordinance now being worked on by First Selectman's office
  - c. No LTR meetings since July
  - d. Social Services chaired by Kim McGrath is working on tracking inquires and responses in the town's Social Services office for better data collection.
  - e. Briana Jewcyn to talk about Business Group survey
3. Main Street Construction
  - a. Waiting for guardrail in front of Leif's Gallery
  - b. Shurbs and trees to be planted soon
  - c. Small list of items to finish
4. Updates on Chester Businesses
  - a. Key Bank building is being auctioned off
  - b. New ice cream shop, Honeycomb to open by end of September
  - c. Stairs going in at French Hen building
  - d. Most businesses are seeing an increase in customers. The CSM is helping on Sundays
5. POCD
  - a. No response from First Selectman on meeting as a group
6. 5 Town EDC
  - a. Working on Logo
  - b. Because of covid, the Explore CT Shoreline website day trips suggestions have been placed on hold. Each town is continuing to work on their lists.

## LTR Business Group Update

1. Creating a survey to send to all Chester Businesses, Kim McGrath is helping to write.
2. Problems with mailing list of current Chester Businesses, which has been an issue for EDC too.
3. Suggestion was made that the assessor's office be in charge of maintaining this list. Charlene to discuss with Lauren.
4. Invited members of this committee to join in on EDC meetings so we can work together.

## EDC members

1. Regional planning of River Cog coming out next meeting
2. RiverCog has a planner
3. East Haddam partime
4. Haddam Planner and EDC person
5. Shared ED person
6. Not in

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Wright