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Minutes of Economic Development Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
7:15 PM, October 19, 2017

Members Present: Mike Sanders (MS), Patricia Bandzes (PB), Susan Wright (SW), Adam Perle (AP)

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM

Audience of citizens: none

1. Michael Sanders and Jeff Liggett terms are over and they are stepping down. We will have to discuss getting new members. Susan to set up a meeting with First Selectman in November with Patricia and Adam to review overall goals of EDC and potential new members.
2. Thank you to Mike and Jeff for serving EDC and their community.

Old Business

1. ReOpen Chester
 - a. Welcome Wagon – discussing how to reinstate this program
 - b. Past weekend busy downtown, lots of people eating ice cream from Honeycone.
2. Long Term Recovery
 - a. Trash ordinance now being worked on by First Selectman's office – no updates
 - b. No LTR meetings since July 26
 - c. Social Services chaired by Kim McGrath found a database offered by the State to use for tracking social service date for \$360 annually, per user. Kim investigating a grant.
 - d. Business survey went out
 - e. No update yet, from Selectman on WiFi grant
3. Main Street Construction
 - a. Trees to be planted in beginning of November
 - b. PB suggested to be sure the trees meet size
 - c. SW to Scot text to see about
 - d. Small list of items to finish
4. Updates on Chester Businesses
 - a. Key Bank building is being auctioned off Oct 26-28th
 - b. Honeycomb to open now
 - c. Stairs finished at French Hen building
 - d. Businesses are seeing an increase in customers
 - e. Town managing business listing – no update from Charlene

5. POCD

- a. No response from First Selectman on meeting as a group at this point

6. 5 Town EDC

- a. John Williams sent us final logo that we can use.
- b. Trying to get everyone together has been hard due to covid and personal work loads increasing.
- c. Need to invite our Select persons to meeting in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Wright