

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
SCOTCH PLAIN TAVERN - FEBRUARY 14, 2018 4:00PM**

The Essex Economic Development Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. In attendance were Chair Janet Peckinpaugh, Vice Chair Ed Cook, George Sexton, Russ Smith (Zoning liaison); Peter Decker, Betsy D'Amico (arrived at 4:10 p.m.) and Economic Development Consultant Susan Malan. Guests present, Roger Salway, Ellie Champion and Lana Westgate.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peckinpaugh at 4:03pm.

**CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Peter Decker and seconded by Ed Cook the commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the amended January 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Amended: Highclere Spirits LLC is the new tenant in the Witch Hazel property.

**REPORT FROM EDC CONSULTANT/SUSAN MALAN/JOE BUDROW'S REPORT:** Former Wright's on the market for lease, Witch Hazel public hearing continued for brew pub, Nalas Engineering additions, Essex Place 100% occupied with waiting list, Paint and sip approved by Zoning for Essex Post Office building, Ivoryton Congregational Church conversion pending Health Department approval, Quality Care Pharmacy in Centerbrook is open again, Dog Day Care text amendment before Zoning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roger Salway gave a brief bio and explained his role with Bikes for Kids and his desire to be more involved with Town and civic organizations.

Lana Westgate and Ellie Champion presented the commission with a letter and a petition signed by 104 Heritage Cove residents asking EDC to support their goal of having a sidewalk and/or other marked lane from Heritage Cove to the existing sidewalk that ends at 1 River Road.

Upon a motion made by Peter Decker, and seconded by Ed Cook the EDC voted unanimously to support the Heritage Cove residents' sidewalk proposal.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chair Peckinpaugh read a memo from Joe Budrow to the EDC discussing the continuance of the EDC text amendment to the parking regulations. Discussion regarding expanding the requested amendment to include Centerbrook and possibly other village/node areas. The EDC will review the PoCD to determine if the mapping would coincide with the desired lifting of the regulations in node areas.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Zoning Meeting, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Continuance of EDC Parking Ordinance on Agenda. Chair Peckinpaugh urged all EDC members attend the meeting.**

**Next EDC meeting will be March 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Olive Oyl's – Main Street Essex Village**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Ed Cook and seconded by Peter Decker the Economic Development Commission at unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Malan