

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

March 13, 2024

Zoom virtual meeting and in-person at 29 West Avenue Essex Room B

Present: Peter Decker (Temporary Chair), Tom Pinkowish, Bob Day, Brian Weinstein, James Vineburgh

Absent: Susan Malan, Mary Ellen Barnes, Tom Nichols

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Peter Decker at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Peter Decker asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve made by Tom Pinkowish seconded by Brian Weinstein. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION:

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom and in person at 29 West Avenue Essex Room B.

Visitors:

None

Updates:

Planning and Zoning Report:

See “Zoning Report for the Economic Development Commission” below from Carey Deques.

The Board discussed various updates from Carey Deques’s report.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

PoCD - No update.

Harbor Management Plan - No update. The Board spoke about flooding issues in businesses and buildings.

Vacancies and new businesses - No updates. Susan Malan was not able to join the meeting to speak on this topic.

Short term rental ordinance proposal - The Board briefly discussed the proposal and reiterated their agreement of owners having a 180 day maximum rental limit for properties and spoke about how to enforce this policy as it is put into practice. Peter Decker asked for a motion to support the establishment of the short term rental ordinance. Motion to approve made by James Vineburgh seconded by Bob Day. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BCDD text amendment - proposal attached - The Board discussed at length about the Bokum Corner Development District node and how it is being received poorly and may not be implemented due to worries about what people might apply to build in the area, mainly such things as apartment complexes.

Upcoming Guests and Meeting Locations:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, **April 10**, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bob Day made a motion to adjourn. Brian Weinstein seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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