# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING Essex Town Hall – Essex, CT April 25, 2019 4:00 pm

In attendance: Chairman Janet Peckinpaugh, Susan Malan, Peter Decker, George Sexton, Betsey D'Amico and Ed Cook.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peckinpaugh at 4:02 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Peter Decker to approve the March 13 meeting minutes. Betsey D'Amico seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Visitors: Stephanie Bogue, Andrew Clark, Yogesh Yagnik, Sheila Khayami and Chris Shane

Commissioners: No additional comment.

### **REPORT FROM EDC CONSULTANT/SUSAN MALAN**

3-5 Main Essex Village – J McClaughlin retailer. Former Bennies Market is under contract there is no use permit yet, but they reportedly will be sell grills. The Centerbrook sidewalk project is currently underway, with sidewalk improvements being made throughout town. The new brew pub in Centerbrook is proceeding. The 10 acres on Plains Road is under contract.

### **Zoning Officer Report**

None Submitted.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Update on UConn Senior Design Project – Essex Village:

The UConn engineering students responsible for the Essex Village redesign project presented their final proposal. There were three different design options presented, with detailed designs and a cost analysis for each. Within this cost analysis were options for different materials that could be used. Design option A was a less expensive option, while option B was more expensive but created more a shared space between pedestrians, bikers and cars. The third option was tactical urbanism to test out different options available without making any major changes.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS –**

None Submitted.

#### **Upcoming Guests and Meeting Locations**

The next meeting will be on May 8, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Essex Town Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Peter Decker to adjourn the meeting at 4:40. George Sexton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Tucker, Commission Clerk