

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Essex Town Hall – Essex, CT

June 12, 2019 4:00 pm

In attendance: Chairman Janet Peckinpaugh, Susan Malan, David Winstead, Brian Weinstein, Peter Decker, George Sexton and Betsy D'Amico.

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 May 8 meeting minutes. George Sexton seconded the motion. All in favor.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors: Michael Dudich and Sam Gavish.

Commissioners: No additional comment.

REPORT FROM EDC CONSULTANT/SUSAN MALAN

11 Main Street in Essex may consider asking the Town for an easement to expand their septic capacity. 58 Saybrook Road – retail use. Centerbrook, CT Water line replacement project is nearly complete. Once finished, the sidewalk and lighting project will begin. The 10 acres for sale on Plains Road has sold.

Zoning Officer Report

Approved Zoning Report:

- Application No.19-56 – New use: Swanky's Cookout Supply, 5 Main St, CTBK
- Application No. 19-57 – New fencing at Riggio's Garden Center
- Application No. 19-58 – New use: Budget Fence, LLC, 46 Plains Rd, Unit 20
- Application No. 19-59 – New use: CT Dry Well, Inc, 46 Plains Rd, Unit 21
- Application No. 19-60 – New use: Salon 180, 180 Westbrook Road

Special Exceptions:

- Application No. 19-8 – Gary Dayharsh, 57 Main Street, IVTN – A proposal to locate a wellness center d/b/a Prive-Swiss within the former Ivoryton Congregational Church.
APPROVED on May 20

Site Plan Review:

- Application No. 19-9 – MacBeth Ventures, LLC, 6 Main Street, CTBK. A minor change to a previously-approved special exception changing the concept of a brewpub to now include a tasting room and kitchen with a restaurant. To be heard on Monday, June 17, 2019.

Petition for Text Amendment:

- Application No. 19-10 – Essex Zoning Commission. A text amendment to add "gold centers" and "batting cages" to the existing list of uses under Indoor Recreation Facilities. Public hearing to be held on Monday, June 17, 2019. The text amendment for this indoor golf center precedes a potential application for a new business.

News:

- 63 Main Street, SX – Carlson’s Landing could be opening in July.
- 58 Saybrook Road – A gift shop has opened as a continuing home business retail use.

ACTION ITEMS:

Implementation of UConn plan

- Tactical Urban design – a presentation will be held on July 19, 2019 to the Board of Selectmen to present the design idea.

New Business -

Presentation of Board of Selectmen

- It was asked that members of the EDC attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on July 19 for the presentation of the UConn design project.

Upcoming Guests and Meeting Locations

The next meeting will be on July 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm at 6 Main Street, Building 1 in Centerbrook.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Peter Decker to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 pm. Betsy D’Amico seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Tucker, Commission Clerk