

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 12, 2022**

**Zoom virtual meeting and in person at Essex Town Hall, Room B**

**Present:** Chairman Susan Malan, Robert Day, Jim Vineburgh and MaryEllen Barnes. Peter Decker on Zoom.

**Absent:** Brian Weinstein, Tom Nichols and Tom Pinkowish

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malan at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Peter Decker made a motion to approve the minutes and Robert Day seconded.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Meeting was held virtually on Zoom and in person at Essex Town Hall.

**Visitors:** None

**Updates:**

Discussion on Ivoryton's road race and polka festival.

Talked about the stop sign that was put in in Ivoryton. Was definitely needed but maybe the timing was not the best due to the paving.

**Planning and Zoning Report:**

Carey sent a report this month but said there was no approved zoning reports and no special applications for the past month. Robert said that was because the Planning and Zoning meeting that was scheduled was on Rosh Hashanah, so it was cancelled.

Talked about 101 Saybrook Rd and 160 Saybrook Rd. Is 160 condo's or apartments? It is affordable housing to buy not rent. There still is a great deal to work out. They have not put in an application to change the zoning rules. Some discussion on affordable housing rules.

River Rd sidewalk- still hear that they are not waiting for the bridge to be done, going to go through with the sidewalk.

Coldwell Bankers is closing its office on Friday. They gave a 2 week notice that they will be closing.

Most of the store fronts in Essex Village are full.

Cell phone tower has not started yet in Ivoryton.

Main St will be very busy with the Fall Festival.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Cannabis public hearing is November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the moratorium is December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Some discussion about Essex Glenn next phase. Right now, there are wooden guardrails, and they will need to put steel ones behind them as the wooden ones will not keep someone from going off the road. But they will keep the wooden ones for aesthetic purposes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MaryEllen let everyone know that Park and Rec got the grant they had applied for work at Hubbard Park. There will be sidewalk improvements and a new equipment shed. The parking will be one way in and one way out- everyone agreed that was needed. This will go out to bid in November. They would like to start construction and finish before Little League season starts next year.

**Upcoming Guests and Meeting Locations:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Jim adjourned and Peter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Sadlowski, Commission Clerk