

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Witch Hazel Building #1 – Essex, CT

July 10, 2019 4:00 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peckinpaugh at 4:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Peter Decker to approve the June 12 meeting minutes. David Winstead seconded the motion. All in favor.

INTRODUCTION

Visitors: Michael Dudich

Commissioners: No additional comment.

REPORT FROM EDC CONSULTANT/SUSAN MALAN

The school currently operating at Mount St. John's moving to 192 Westbrook Road went before zoning for a Special Exception permit. The determination is pending. 58 Saybrook Road for retail use is waiting for a zoning permit, post ZBA decision that overturned Zoning Officer ruling regarding allowed use. Centerbrook sidewalk, streetscape and light project is set to start within the next week. Carlson's Landing is due to open late summer.

Zoning Officer Report

None submitted.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Peckinpaugh submitted a formal application to be accepted into the UConn Engineering departments Senior Project for this upcoming academic year. The head of the department and the professor overseeing the project wrote back saying they were pleased we were applying again. We should hear back in August about a formal acceptance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

- Free Wi-Fi is now available at Grove Street Park, Main Street Park and the Ivoryton Green.
- The parking lot between Essex Coffee and Tea Company and Connecticut River Artisans will begin tagging and towing parked cars, since this lot is private. Signs will be put out in the lot.
- The concern about selling boats, cars, etc. on public streets was brought up. Currently, there are no laws preventing this.

- Mr. Winstead voiced his concern for the enforcement of signage around town. There is certain signage allowed per size of business per unit. Ms. Peckinpugh suggested going to the First Selectman regarding the enforcement of this.
- Mr. Decker mentioned that landscaping debris was being blown off lawns onto main roads. Without this debris on the roads the street sweep may not have to go around as often. Ms. Peckinpugh mentioned she would speak to the First Selectman regarding this.

Upcoming Guests and Meeting Locations

The next meeting will be on August 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Essex Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by David Winstead to adjourn the meeting at 5:02. Betsy D'Amico seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Tucker, Commission Clerk