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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KILLINGLY, CT
KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Killingly Town Hall
Meeting Room 102
172 Main Street
Killingly, CT

2023 MAY -8 AM 8:18

Elizabeth M. Wilson



Minutes

Bill Cheng -Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM. Chairman appointed Jay Lirette as a voting member.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jay Lirette, Bill Cheng, Mark Tillinghast, Todd Cooke
Absent: Kevin Cole (with notice), Dale Desmarais

Others Present: Jill St. Clair, Economic Development Director, Anne-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning and Development, Tammy Wakefield town council liaison, Stuart Peaslee and Eva-Marie Roberts

2. Approval of Minutes:

Jay Lirette made a **MOTION** to accept the March 7th, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion was **SECONDED** by Mark Tillinghast. Todd Cooke abstained. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Correspondence – The economic development director sent an email to chairperson of Killingly Board of Education seeking a liaison on April 26th, 2023.

4. Citizen's Participation – Eva-Marie Roberts reported on results of the "What Do You Love About Killingly and What Do You Want To See More Of" 126 respondents. Results included things like an arcade, cigar bar, soda and candy shop, antiques, country store, affordable housing, indoor playscapes for small children, more garbage cans. Stuart Peaslee, a visitor from Woodstock EDC, was interested in learning more about housing options in the region.

5. Unfinished Business:

- a) Economic Development Trust Fund: The beginning balance of the Trust Fund as of February 1, 2023, was \$305,667.03.
- b) Update of Projects:
 - There will be a site tour on June 6th, 2023, with the NE Commercial Realtors Group of the 140 Main Street building and Brickyard Project. EDC members are encouraged to attend.
 - 125 Alexander Parkway Tree removal and stumping bid process has been completed and will be moving into work phase.
 - TAB Program- UConn Technical Assistance Brownfield Acme Mill data report has been completed.

6. New Business:

- a) Ribbon Cuttings on May 6th for Mariah Photography and Apex Chiropractic.
- b) Tourism website for the state has been updated with more regional input. ERTD annual meeting will be held on June 8th.
- c) Grants- Application for an EPA wildfire mitigation grant was submitted.

7. Liaison Reports: Anne-Marie Aubrey reported on the revision process for the zoning regulations for the Business Park. Future zoning regulation rewrites will be required in the upcoming year to work through language, definitions, and inconsistencies. Current applications include: the CDLS, Old Fox Fuel site, Eagle Nest as an extended stay location, new recreational cannabis facility in the Big Y Plaza. Tammy Wakefield-Town Council Liaison reported on the Annual Town Budget process, it will go to vote on May 9th.

8. Commission Member Reports – Bill Cheng **Open Space Commission- no meeting**. Jay Lirette reported on the NE Commercial Real Estate Meeting, next meeting is June 6th.
9. Adjournment:
Todd Cooke made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Mark Tillinghast **SECOND** the motion. The voice vote, **ALL IN FAVOR**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill St. Clair', written over the printed name.

Jill St. Clair, Recording Secretary