

KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Killingly Town Hall
Meeting Room 102
172 Main Street
Killingly, CT



Minutes

Bill Cheng -Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Chairman appointed Jay Lirette as a voting member.

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jay Lirette, Bill Cheng, Mark Tillinghast, Todd Cooke, Kevin Cole, Eva-Marie Roberts, Dale Desmarais

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

Jay Lirette made a **MOTION** to accept the May 2nd, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion was **SECONDED** by Kevin Cole. The voice vote was **ALL IN FAVOR**.

3. Correspondence –

4. Citizen's Participation –

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Economic Development Trust Fund: no expenditure since May.

b) Update of Projects:

- EDC hosted meeting June 6th, 2023 with the NE Commercial Realtors Group and toured 140 Main Street building and Brickyard Plaza. There were about 30 people in attendance and 2 leads for the 140 Main Street building were generated.
- 125 Alexander Parkway tree removal and stumping is nearing completion, junk automobile parts and excavation will be conducted by the Killingly Public Works Department starting in the fall.

6. New Business:

- a) Ribbon Cuttings for Wicked Sinister BBQ 14 Central Street and CAN Bootcamp of CT on Furnace Street.
- b) Tourism- New tourism commissioner, Anthony Anthony, the former marketing director of the Governor. conducted a "listening tour", requests for outdoor recreation marketing and collaboration with TLGV were discussed. Jill St. Clair has been elected to be the Vice Chair of the Eastern Regional Tourism District. Jill hosted a FAM tour in the region for 14 Irish Tour operators on June 16th.
- c) Grants- Application for an EPA wildfire mitigation grant has been approved to the next round of review. The EPA is concluding their soil and water sample work at Ballouville Mill. Killingly was awarded an EPA Multipurpose Grant in the amount of \$800,000 for assessment and remediation work on Ballouville Mill and the former Boro Wastewater Treatment Facility. The document retrieval research has been completed for the Bailey Hill Mill in preparation for future Phase I and Phase II grant applications. Killingly will be participating in a PILOT program called Citizen's Lab to engage residents in the Brownfield process for mill remediation and redevelopment efforts. The Brickyard Plaza is moving into Design to Construction Phase with the RFP process for selection of an Architecture design firm anticipated in late August.

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- d) Small Business Academy- classes will start on September 12th -October 17th running from 6pm-8pm at the Killingly Public Library.
 - e) Celebrate Killingly -Sept 9th- The economic development department and commission will have a table.
 - f) Other Business- Discussion on the sale of the 125 Alexander Parkway parcel. Public hearing was rescheduled. Commission reviewed the proposal and discussed the benefits of the project to the town. Kevin Cole discussed concerns over the Owen Bell Park easement regarding pedestrian safety and hours of operation for deliveries. Bill Cheng made a request for a Board of Education liaison to attending EDC meetings.
7. Liaison Reports:
- Anne-Marie Aubrey reported on the revision process for the zoning regulations on the Business Park and zoning definitions. The Craft Group has requested an extension for the cannabis retail and manufacturing application. There is a Special Permit Application for the parcels known as 536-542-552 Hartford Pike for the construction of a 12,580 square foot building.
- Tammy Wakefield reported that the RED WHITE and BLUE festival was a huge success. The drumming circle, vendors, band and firework display were a great contribution to the success of the event. There is a presentation from the auditor's following the EDC meeting. Second Saturday was a huge success and very well attended. Eva-Marie Roberts reported on a new Killingly Parks and Recreation community event called Spooktacular, to feature a parade, trick or treat and Monster Dash.
8. Commission Member Reports – Bill Cheng **Open Space Commission- no meeting.**
9. Adjournment:
- Dale Desmarais made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 5:45 PM. Mark Tillinghast **SECOND** the motion. The voice vote, **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jill St. Clair, Recording Secretary