KILLINGLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Killingly Town Hall
Conference Room 102
172 Main Street
Killingly, CT

Mark Tillinghast, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

1. Roll Call:
   Members Present: Mark Tillinghast, Kevin Cole, Bill Cheng, Todd Cooke and Joyce Ricci. Dale Desmarais
   was absent without notification.

   Others Present: Town Councilor, Lynn LaBerge; Elsie Bisset, Economic Development Director and Judy
   LaRoche, Recording Secretary.

   Mark Tillinghast appointed Joyce Ricci as a voting member.

2. Approval of Minutes:
   A MOTION to accept the minutes of September 3, 2019 and September 24, 2019 was made by Bill Cheng. It
   was SECONDED by Joyce Ricci and the voice vote was ALL IN FAVOR.

3. Correspondence – None

4. Citizen’s Participation – None

5. Unfinished Business

   a) Economic Development Trust Fund – The beginning balance of the Trust Fund as of October 1, 2019 was
   $159,201.21. The interest in October was $60.85. The balance as of October 31, 2019 is $159,262.06.

   b) Update of Projects

      • After 18 years, the Town sold the former Armory property to Deary’s. The sale price of $150,000
        went back to the state per Public Act. They will own parking spaces right in front of the building
        and the amphitheater almost to the river. It will be fenced in for their private use.
      • Elsie announced 2 new businesses: Threadz Consignment Shop and Blended Nutrition on North
        Main Street.
      • Joyce said she spoke with Craig Porter and they’re building another building on the property.
      • Black Pond Brews is purchasing the old DelPescos/Stephen Swift property on Hartford Pike and
        will relocate there. Will be on the Planning & Zoning Agenda for Monday, November 18th.
      • PoCD will go to Council on November 12th. The public hearing at P & Z will be in February, 2020.
      • 140 Main Street will be inspected soon to see what the cost of remediation for the lead and
        asbestos might be.
      • Today was a realtors meeting in Putnam. Bill did a great job. Next month on December 10th, it
        will be at our library at 8:30 AM. It’s a breakfast meeting and usually lasts about an hour.
        bankHometown will sponsor the food.
      • Elsie asked if anyone heard any comments about the signs on the fence in front of St. James.
        The state owns it and people take their chances putting signs on without permission. The town
        cannot regulate what’s on a sign or the use.
      • Elsie mentioned that the business directional signs may be coming down; the state doesn’t allow
        them in their rights-of-way. Kevin Cole said signs are becoming a thing of the past. Elsie said we
will have to work on a phase-out system. Ann-Marie said the sign regs also need to be updated. Discussion followed.

- Kevin asked about the proposed energy plant. He said they will spend a lot of money while it's being built and the construction jobs will help our economy. Elsie will get an update on Thursday.

6. New Business - none

7. Liaison Reports – none

8. Commission Member Reports – Bill reported that there was no Open Space meeting. He mentioned the Commercial realtor meeting in Killingly next month. Discussion followed concerning real estate values. Why is our school system not rated well? Perception is that Killingly has a lot of special needs students. 2nd lowest salaries for teachers in the state. Lots of discussion followed about how we change the perception. The answer seems to be $$$s. Elsie suggested inviting the Superintendent or Board of Education members to a meeting in the new year to discuss.

9. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Bill Cheng to adjourn at 6:27 PM. It was SECONDED by Joyce Ricci. The voice vote was ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy LaRoche
Recording Secretary