

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

December 13, 2023

Zoom virtual meeting and in-person at 29 West Avenue Essex Room B

Present: Susan Malan (Temporary Chair), Peter Decker, Brian Weinstein, Mary Ellen Barnes, Tom Nichols, Tom Pinkowish

Absent: Bob Day, James Vineburgh

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Susan Malan at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Peter Decker motioned to approve the minutes and Brian Weinstein seconded.

INTRODUCTION:

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom and in person at 29 West Avenue Essex Room B.

Visitors:

None

Updates:

Planning and Zoning Report:

The board did not receive a P&Z report from Carey Duques this month.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

UConn Senior Project - way-making signage for each village - Susan says that Stacia Libby and Ryan Welch are already working on way-making signs.

Meeting schedule 2024 - attached - Susan asked for a motion to approve the 2024 meeting schedule. Mary Ellen Barnes motioned to approve and Tom Nichols seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

PoCD - No update.

Harbor Management Plan - No update.

Vacancies and new businesses - Susan says that Ivoryton is full. Centerbrook is full except for the Nutmeg Pharmacy building, and N Main and Main Street Essex village is completely full. The school moved from 192 Westbrook Road to the former Citizens Bank building in Deep River.

Short term rental ordinance proposal - No update.

Public works was successful in receiving a STEAP grant to raise Ferry Street to prevent flooding

Upcoming Guests and Meeting Locations:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Peter Decker made a motion to adjourn. Mary Ellen Barnes seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 10, 2024

February 14, 2024

March 13, 2024

April 10, 2024

May 8, 2024

June 12, 2024

July 10, 2024

August 14, 2024

September 11, 2024

October 9, 2024

November 13, 2024

December 11, 2024

January 8, 2025

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