



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman
John Vincent

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall Annex Building. Chairman Vincent welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Commission members were present:

Commissioner Jessica Buhle, Commissioner Carol Ann Schneider, Commissioner Michael Dreimiller (6:07pm)

Commissioner Richard D. Tashea, Commissioner Peter Harry and Chair John Vincent

Juliet Hodge - Planning Director was also present. Mayor Allyn, III was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 4, 2022 Minutes

MOTION to approve the Regular EDC Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2022.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Richard Tashea

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Naomi Rodriguez (Town Council) was present - No Comment.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Not Present

VI. PLANNER REPORTS

New Businesses: One potential new commercial services business which will come up for public hearing in December. Dollar General has foundation approval. Public meeting for Cashman Project (former Dow Chemical Site) related to their DEEP Permit possibly on November 17th. **Other:** Annual report time - getting caught up with grants. October issue of the Connecticut Economic Digest has their annual Town Economic Index for 2021. Ledyard is in the middle for suburban towns in Connecticut.

Land Use Administrative Asst. hired, started on Monday. Currently working with ZEO on several enforcement issues and active court cases

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Development of Strategic Plan (ALL)

Dreimiller shared a rough draft of a one-page Strategic Plan incorporating previous comments. Need to add challenges and opportunities, supporting data including from SeCTer Tapestry report, and possibly some survey responses.

RESULT: CONTINUE

B. Route 12 Corridor Study

Tabled until December.

RESULT: CONTINUE

C. Business Directory - Update

Hary will have it done next week. Will be similar to Stonington's directory. Businesses will be grouped by category.

RESULT: CONTINUE

D. Yale/Harvard Regatta Festival 2023 - EDC Advanced Planning

Laser Light Show quote requested. Participating vendors will be required to have sales and use tax, and insurance.

RESULT: CONTINUE

E. Business Cards / Town Badges - Mayor

Photos have been submitted. Waiting on Mayor/Kristen for update.

Chairman to follow-up with Mayor's Office.

RESULT: CONTINUE

F. ARC Recycling- Donation Station Placement- Carol

Transfer station declined. Asking Senior Center/Parks and Rec before asking businesses. Waterford has approved one. Hoping for one in Ledyard Center and one in Gales Ferry.

Discussion tabled to the December meeting. Carol to reach out to select businesses.

RESULT: CONTINUE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter to Town Council re: Drones

Dreimiller said that FAA is the only entity that can forbid flying over property. The Town can forbid taking off and landing on Town property. Was unable to find Drone policy on Town website. Emailed the Mayor asking where the policy is available but no response yet.

Drone footage is not in current plan for the marketing video but it can be added at no cost if the Town provides the footage otherwise there will be a fee.

Discussion tabled to the December meeting.

RESULT: TABLED

VIX. MARKETING ACTIVITIES AND REPORT

A. Video Update

Draft scripting in process. Hary requested 2 days in the middle of June for filming days.

RESULT: CONTINUE

B. Ledyard Magazine Ribbon Cutting Articles - Jessica

Both (Puerto Lima and Coastal Mudworks) will be published in Ledyard Events Magazine with photos and article.

C. Available Properties

Drive-by assessment:

Job Lot Plaza - one vacant storefront.

Boss Hair Design - Both floors vacant

Gales Ferry Landing - 3 Vacant

Lopez's plaza (1096 Long Cove) - 1 Vacant property

Gales Ferry Plaza (1600 Rt 12) - 1 Vacant property

39 Kings Hwy - Brand Services - 2 vacant properties.

43 Kings Hwy - Stonington Institute - Vacant, blighted (unreported)

MLS report of available properties

2 Lorenz Pkwy

41 Kings Hwy - 2 parcels

756 Colonel Ledyard

1360R Baldwin Hill Rd

172 Stoddards Wharf Rd - Joshua's

10 Sleepy Hollow Pentway - 2 mobile homes, licensed for 9 mobile homes.

1722A Rt 12 - Next to Gales Ferry Fire Department

754 Colonel Ledyard Hwy

1947 Center Groton Rd - 10 acres

107 Christy Hill - 13 acres - \$219k

59 Kings Hwy - 1.6 acres \$49k

624 Shewville Rd - 72 horse equestrian center - \$1,900,000

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buhle, seconded by Commissioner Tashea, to adjourn at 6:52pm.

The motion carried by the following vote:

MOVER: Richard Tashea

SECONDER: Peter Hary

AYE: 6 Buhle, Schneider, Dreimiller, Hary, Tashea, and Vincent

Meeting adjourned.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

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