



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
John Vincent

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall Annex Building. Chairman Vincent welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

In addition to the Commission members, Mayor Allen, and Juliet Hodge, Director of Planning & Development were also present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Draft Minutes Sept. 6, 2022

MOTION to approve the Regular EDC Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022. Motion Passed unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael Dreimiller

SECONDER: Richard Tashea

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Present - Naomi Rodriguez (Town Council), Paul Maugle. No comments.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Ribbon cuttings - Puerta Lima on Tuesday Oct. 11 3:00pm, Coastal Mudworks on Thursday Oct. 13 12pm.

Atkinson Preserve (200+ acres) ribbon cutting by Avalonia on Saturday Oct. 22 at 10:00am with walking tour to follow.

Drone use over town property not currently allowed. The Mayor suggested that the EDC considering drafting a letter to the Town Council in support of relaxing the policy.

VI. PLANNER REPORT

Clearing of the land north of McDonalds for a Dollar General store has started. They will submit their demo plan and building plan after that.

New martial arts instructor in the Gales Ferry Commons plaza.

New zoning regulations in effect as of Sept. 28th.

Building Official Tom Weber had a bad accident and won't be returning. Randy Dalton is stepping in as a temporary replacement.

An administrative assistant has been hired.

Working with SeCTer on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Development of Strategic Plan (ALL)

Hodge shared a 6-page draft of something that could be used for the Strategic Plan. It includes things that have been discussed including goals from the POCD, the surveys, and the CEDAS Best Practices. A workshop has been scheduled for Oct. 19th at 5:30pm to finish up the Strategic Plan.

RESULT: CONTINUE

B. seCTer Data Report (Juliet)

Hodge shared a summary of the Tapestry report that provided a summary of the town's demographics. SeCTer hasn't done a Gap Analysis for Ledyard but we can ask them to do one.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

C. Route 12 Corridor Study

Mayor Allyn said that they haven't written the RFP yet. The updated Rt. 12 Corridor Study is required by the State before we can apply for a STEAP grant. A dozen RFPs for ARPA grant projects have to be done first. Will try to get the RFP done in Dec.

RESULT: CONTINUE

D. Business Directory - Update

All commissioners completed a review of their portion of the list that Hodge had provided at the previous EDC meeting. Hodge will provide the list of businesses to Hary and he will produce a document.

RESULT: CONTINUE

1. Stonington Business Directory

Commission members reviewed Stonington's Directory and made comments.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ribbon Cutting - Puerto Lima

Commission Members invited to attend the ribbon cutting at 3pm on 10/11/22. Hodge suggested that we try to get a photo and write-up from each ribbon cutting published in the Thames River Times.

B. Ribbon Cutting - Coastal Mudworks

Commission Members invited to attend the ribbon cutting at 12pm on 10/13/22.

C. Arc Recycling Project - Donation Station Placement

Information about this has been sent to Public Works and they will review and get back to us.

IX. MARKETING ACTIVITIES AND REPORT**A. Video Update**

CGI is outlining the content. Hary has a meeting next Thursday with them. Looks like it might be Spring when this is complete.

RESULT: CONTINUE

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

Buhle is working on the idea of having fireworks after the regatta. Hary suggested a laser light show which would not be impacted by inclement weather like fireworks are. Captain Scott's food truck has committed to next year's festival. Alice Acres Farm is reserved for next year.

RESULT: NO ACTION

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:42pm. The motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Richard Tashea