



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Monday, March 21, 2022

6:30 p.m.

127 Norwich Avenue

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Hinchliffe, James Bates, Heather Wilson, Tyler Migliaccio (Alternate), Chairman Bruce Goldstein arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Members Absent: Lisandro Suarez, Heide Perham, Jack Faski

Others Present: Town Planner Matthew Bordeaux, Debbie Bates (BOS Liaison)

1. **Call To Order** – Mr. Hinchliffe called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. **Public Comments** – No comments

3. **Changes or Additions to Agenda** – None

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **February 22, 2022** – Mr. Migliaccio moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Bates seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

5. **New Business**

a. **Town Planner Report**

Mr. Bordeaux stated that the C-TIP Application for ARK Distillery LLC was unanimously approved at the Town Meeting on March 16, 2022. He also said that the Tax Abatement Agreement was signed by the First Selectman and Meredith Shay, owner of InCord for the recently approved C-TIP. Mr. Bordeaux stated that he anticipates NCT Friction Welding Inc to be ready to open soon.

Mr. Bordeaux discussed the status of the Town Green Improvement project and the Lebanon Avenue Sidewalk Extension project. The cost and accessibility of certain materials required for the two projects were causing complications and delays.

6. **Old Business**

a. **ARPA and Economic Development discussion per letter from Planning Director**

The Commission discussed undertaking additional functions beyond facilitating the C-TIP program. The concept of an Economic Development Strategy and a Marketing and Branding

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Strategy was discussed. The Commission requested that staff generate a project description that could be considered by the Board of Selectman, and the Commission volunteered to spend some time researching and learning more about comparable undertakings in other municipalities.

7. Correspondence – None

8. Adjourn – Mr. Goldstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.