



# *Town of Colchester, Connecticut*

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Monday, November 16, 2020**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Chair Bruce Goldstein, Michael Hinchliffe, Heide Perham, Jack Faski, Lisandro Suarez

**Members Absent:** Sean Nadeau, Jean Walsh

**Others Present:** Town Planner Matthew Bordeaux, First Selectman Mary Bylone (Board of Selectmen Liaison), Andreas Bisbikos (Board of Finance Liaison), Gerald Dillenbeck (guest)

1. **Call To Order** – Chairman Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
3. **Changes or Additions to Agenda** – There were no changes to the Agenda.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **July 20, 2020** – Mrs. Perham moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Mrs. Perham requested her first name be spelled correctly. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Town Planner Report**

Mr. Bordeaux stated that a local restaurant owner was working with the Colchester Business Association to promote a "Restaurant Week" beginning December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bordeaux indicated that Sara Bronin would be joining the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss affordable housing at the November 18, 2020 regular meeting. He also described a few potential development projects including a medical marijuana production facility, an affordable housing development and a distribution facility. The Commission questioned the status of recent zoning regulation amendments and the NCT Friction Welding special permit application.
  - b. **2021 Meeting Calendar Review and Possible Adoption**

Mr. Faski moved to adopt the 2021 meeting schedule as proposed. Mrs. Perham seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**c. Review and Possible Amendments to C-TIP Application and Scoring Sheet**

Chairman Goldstein discussed the idea of reviewing the C-TIP application eligibility along with the review process to consider non-traditional forms of economic development. He indicated that applicant's representing non-traditional commercial projects should be allowed to make a case for the need for a tax abatement and the value of a particular project to the Town. Mr. Bordeaux made a few suggestions for edits to the application documents including a reference to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development to ensure a project is consistent with the goals and objectives of that plan. Mr. Bordeaux proposed preparing edits he thinks are appropriate and providing a draft for the Commission's review and consideration at the next regular meeting.

**6. Old Business** – There was no Old Business discussed.

**7. Adjourn** – Mr. Faski moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Suarez seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.