

Colchester Economic Development Commission

Monday May 20, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Colchester Town Hall, Room 1

Members Present: J. Walsh, M. Hinchliffe, H.Perham, B.Dennler, L.Suarez, S.Nadeau,

BOF - A.Bisbikos, BOS – A. Shilsoki

Absent : J.Dion, , B.Goldstein, Town Planner – R. Benson, J. Faski - CBA

1. Call to Order : J. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public Comments : none
3. Changes to the Agenda : none
4. Approval of the minutes from March 18, 2019 (no quorum for April 15, 2019) : Motion to accept made M.Hinchliff, seconded by B.Dennler. All in favor. Minutes accepted. One correction: Spelling of Shilosky
5. New Business:
  - i. New Business –no report
  - ii. CBA – no report
  - iii. Survey Monkey – results discussed: only 47 responses. Suggested to put out again but with “more advertising” on Selectman’s site, and social media sites. Allow “other” comments. #1 - retail, #2 – restaurants, #3 manufacturing, #4 lodging, #5 medical services, #6 education – trade schools, #7, agriculture, #8 resorts, #9 other
6. Old Business
  - i. Spread sheet discussion : 2 new businesses for May
  - ii. “business of the month” – Commission agreed first one will be Cato Corner Brewery /Hops farm
  - iii. J Walsh to work w/ Town Clerk’s office to sort data base by business type, L Suarez to assist with data entry on older inventory categories.
  - iv. Update on proposed projects: kiosk – grant has been awarded. Planning has to get State to approve some changes to original grant re: sidewalk materials, lighting , etc – it is all tied together. (brick that could be sold as the base of the kiosk still in plan)  
Triathalon – “Tri – Colchester” – J Walsh presented all the details worked out to date. EDC suggested pushing this event off till next year to get more details in place, and establishing a committee to develop the plan of action. B.Dennler offered to speak w/ his uncle re: tri’s and get more information for next meeting. (Gardner Lake for swim portion w/ parking for bikes; Gardner Lake FD has agreed to provide water rescue and fire police. The bike route /authorization is being worked on, 5k will begin and end on Colchester Town green – T. Quinn – dpt head for Parks to discuss tie in w/ events and costs associated)  
Mural – J Walsh spoke w/ owner of building on Merchants Row re: murals that could be hung from building wall. Details to be worked out – but there is interest.
  - v. Way Finder signs: - Bacon Academy will be doing a rendition for presentation to the Historic Commission – in same fabrication of Welcome signs. Daphne (Planning) will present.

7. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm made by M.Hinchcliffe, seconded H.Perham. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Walsh