

Colchester Economic Development Commission

Tuesday February 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Colchester Town Hall, Room 1

Members Present: J. Walsh, M. Hinchcliffe, B. Goldstein, J. Dion, H. Perham

Others Present: R. Benson, prospective board members: B. Dennler, L. Suarez

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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 January 22, 2019: spelling error of member M. Hinchcliffe. Motion to accept made by Bruce Goldstein, seconded by M. Hinchcliffe with corrections as noted. All in favor. Minutes accepted.

5. New Business:

- i. New Business – R. Benson reported the lot next to Starbucks is in the process of being developed. It is to be a 7000 sq. ft. structure that can accommodate 1-5 tenants. There are prospective tenants but nothing confirmed.  
Jacks Chevrolet – has prospective tenants. Dairy Queen is looking for a location.  
New England Homes site on Old Hartford Rd will be the new location for an electrical contractor.  
New self-storage business is looking into a location along Old Hartford Rd also.  
Rte. 2 triangle – has a business looking at it to sell trailers.
- ii. A grant is being worked on for the development of the Parum Rd, Lake Hayward Rd Extension – looking into adding water and sewer lines.
- iii. Plans for EDC panel – scheduled for Thur. April 18, 2019 6 pm – 8 pm.  
All speakers have been confirmed. B. Goldstein will work on getting a local business person to represent the town businesses.  
A "Save the Date" flyer has been sent to the Rivereast and Norwich Bulletin with an updated one to be sent out in March.  
Jack Faski will discuss with the CBA – the possibility of sponsoring the "snack" table.  
Putting out a questionnaire on Survey Monkey was discussed. To be looked into.

6. Old Business

- i. Sign Regulation changes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the P&ZC to be held Wed 2/20/19 to discuss the option of feather flags, etc.
- ii. Airline trail light – was installed. J. Walsh will try to reach out to owner of adjacent property to discuss the condition of the berm, as it not on town property.
- iii. Spread sheet discussion: 2 new businesses –new businesses registering by month will be featured as a "business of the month" if possible.
- iv. Update on proposed projects: kiosk – grant has been awarded. Project is back on track!  
J. Walsh and R. Benson met with Joe Courtney to discuss the learning corridor for manufacturing school/ culinary school. It was mentioned he had just come from Bacon Academy re: the new manufacturing program recently begun. J Walsh to reach out to Superintendent to discuss assistance with their program.

7. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm made by B. Goldstein, seconded J. Dion, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Walsh