

Colchester Economic Development Commission

Tuesday July 15, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Colchester Town Hall, Room 2

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

Absent : J.Dion, B.Goldstein, Town Planner , BOS – A. Shilsoki, F.Faski – CBA, BOF – A. Bisbikos

Others: none

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 : adding to #5 New Business : b. – Discussion on CTIP brochure
4. Approval of the minutes from June 17, 2019 : Motion to accept made by M. Hinchliffe, seconded by B.Dennloer. All in favor. Minutes accepted.
5. New Business:
 - A. New Business –no report by Town Planner (absent), or First Selectman (absent)
 - B. – CTIP brochure – discussion – B.Dennler and H.Perham will work on draft of brochure for next meeting
6. Old Business
 - A. Spread sheet discussion: only one new business registered in June 2019
 - B. Update on projects:

Triathlon – “Tri – Colchester” – B. Dennler reported he spoke with contact and recommended pushing this out till next Sept in order to address the many aspects needed.

Way Finder signs – the Historic Commission did not like the mock up sign for the HD, but it was decided to put a post w/ 2 panels at the Airline Trail spur – “Food & Shops”, “Dog Park”. Further details to be determined once school begins again.

Murals – no new info

Home Business Fair – J Walsh suggested partnering with E. Hampton EDC , and asked each member to submit ideas for the EDC Home Business Fair – with a target date of January 2020. The CBA should be partners as well. Details to be determined.

EDC – “charge” /direction – a discussion was held re: members goals and perceptions of what the EDC should do / be:

The general consensus was – the EDC must do what it can to court new business to town, work with the Planner to open conversations, and act as a facilitator to open a business in town.

By putting out the CTIP brochure – at town hall, on the web site, etc – it , and other items can be a focus of public information.

Working with CBA to grow existing businesses

Look for “Starter Spaces” – inventory – work w/ property owner for CTIP / expansion
7. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm made by M.Hinchlif, seconded H.Perham. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Walsh