



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

## MEETING MINUTES

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*M. Hinchliffe*

**Members Present:** Chair Bruce Goldstein, Sean Nadeau, Jack Faski, Michael Hinchliffe

**Others Present:** Town Planner Matthew Bordeaux, Paul Whitescarver (seCTer), Melinda Wilson (seCTer), Annie Chambers (seCTer), RT Brown (seCTer), Frank Dixon (seCTer), Judith Lamson-Rockwell (seCTer), Debbie Bates (Board of Selectman Liaison), Jim Bates (candidate for EDC Membership), Michael Hayes (Board of Finance Liaison)

1. **Call To Order** – Chairman Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Public Comments** – Ms. Bates introduced herself as the new Board of Selectman Liaison. Mr. Bates introduced himself as a candidate to join the EDC. Mr. Hayes introduced himself as the Board of Finance Liaison.
3. **Changes or Additions to Agenda** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **November 15, 2021** – Mr. Faski moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Nadeau seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Discussion w/ Southeast Connecticut Enterprise Region (SeCTer)**

Mr. Whitescarver, Executive Director, introduced the team at seCTer and described the groups functions at a high level. Annie Chambers, Loan Officer, described seCTer's role in non-traditional lending for start-ups, business expansion and new product lines. Frank Dixon described the functions of the Procurement Technical Assistance Center that helps small businesses sell their services or products to government or prime contractors. Judith Lamson-Rockwell described her services for small business and start-up assistance. Finally, RT Brown spoke about building resiliency in the region, promoting marketing.

Mr. Goldstein asked seCTer staff what were industry strengths in the region. Mr. Whitescarver responded that manufacturing partnerships, wind clusters and incubation centers were gaining momentum in the region.

**b. Discussion of pending New C-TIP Application: ARK Station LLC – 200 Lebanon Ave**

Mr. Bordeaux described a new application from a new company seeking to rehabilitate the existing facility and site to establish a new distillery. Mr. Bordeaux did a preliminary review of the application and suggested the applicant provide some additional information. It is anticipated that the application will be ready for review and consideration by the Commission at the February 22, 2022 meeting.

**c. Town Planner Report**

In consideration of the hour, Mr. Bordeaux reported on the status of the local ARPA process. Mr. Bordeaux stated that he will work with Mr. Goldstein to prepare a list of ideas for the use of ARPA funds that take a proactive approach to economic development. The idea would be to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

**6. Old Business - None**

**7. Correspondence** – Mr. Goldstein informed the Commission that Sean Nadeau has applied for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission and has resigned from the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Goldstein thanked Mr. Nadeau for his four (4) years of service with the Commission. Mr. Goldstein stated that Mr. Nadeau has been an integral part of the C-TIP review process and its success in attracting economic development to the town.

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