

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
May 14, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman John Allen, Commissioners Kirk Carr, Richard Juel, Hank Teskey and John Hussaini

Also present: Sadie Colcord, Robert Werner, Tim Guerra

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- A motion was made by J. Hussaini, seconded by H. Teskey to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

30 Old Post Realty Status:

- Received an update on the status of this project and it was all positive
- They have met with Pinnacle Group and received a positive preliminary report
- Developing the look of the facility – tentatively proposing one large indoor and 2 outdoor sites with ancillary uses included (training, lessons, sales)
- When the site plan is ready, EDC will assist by identifying the steps necessary to navigate the Land Use Commissions

Business Outreach:

Hospitality Group: 9 Town Transit

- 9 Town Transit will be taking possession of a trolley
- This trolley will be utilized as a shuttle for 2 months (or 8 weekends) in the summer (July and August)
- Businesses can have advertisements on the shuttle
- The shuttle will make a 30-minute loop from Clinton Crossings, the marina, Post Office Square and an eastern location to be determined.

Director of CT Office of Tourism, Randy Fiveash will be attending the Economic Development Commission Tourism/Hospitality Meeting scheduled for June 12, 2019 at 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

- Suggested the Town's new brand, logo and tag line be revealed at this meeting

Manufacturing Group Update:

- DECD is committed to meet with the 6 business owners on either June 5 or June 7 to discuss tax relief
- Presently Bausch and Kenyon are utilizing CCAT (CT Center for Advanced Technology)
- Workforce Alliance has a 10-week class to train students
- The businesses are looking for tax relief, incentives and work force availability

Additional Businesses:

- Discussed other business subsets the EDC could reach out to
 - Suggested antique dealers as a group, possibly hosting a special antique weekend
 - J. Allen will reach out to L. Case

Clinton Crossing Advertising:

- The standee is positioned at Clinton Crossings

New Business:

CERC coordination:

- Discussed GSC 12-65b - tax incentives and tax incremental funds
- H. Teskey and S. Colcord will prepare a draft to be presented to the Board of Selectmen

Future Goals: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk