

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
July 14, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman John Allen, Commissioners Bob Werner, Richard Juel, Hank Teskey, John Hussaini, Phil Sengle, and John May

Also present: Tim Guerra and Tom Foster

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

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – June 8, 2021

- A motion was made by H. Teskey, seconded by R. Juel to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor and 2 abstentions

Old Business:

Clinton Manufacturing Coalition Status STEM: (B. Werner's report attached)

- Clinton's strive to include STEM in schools received great press with the article in the Connecticut Examiner
- The Board of Education received a second \$50,000 Perkins Grant which will purchase a \$43,000 CNC machine
 - Goodwin University did a quick assessment of equipment needed at the schools
 - They will do a full assessment of what is needed to enable students to earn high school and college credits
- Bausch has 14 student interns this summer
- Work force ethics is important aspect in business and should become part of the school curriculum
- The Governor's Workforce Council is hosting a "Summer STEM Challenge" for middle school students

STEAP Grant Status:

- The \$128,000 grant has been approved for front façade improvements between Hull Street and the Indian River
- Beginning August 1, 2021, applications (which can be found on the website) can be submitted
- The design workbook can also be found on the website
 - Some of the design boards will be displayed in the Town Hall lobby
- Discussed some of the businesses, their proposed façade improvements and estimated costs
- The proposed improvements to the Post Office Square railroad underpass has been put on the back burner

Part-time Business Liaison Status:

- This position needs to be posted internally and published externally
 - It is an 8 hour a week position at \$25/hour
- Spoke with E. Bergman to help organize high school students to videography and edit interviews highlighting local businesses

Tourism Marketing and Promotion Initiative:

- Two written bids need to be submitted prior to approval for the printing of the signs
 - A determination needs to be made whether they should be business oriented or tourism oriented
- The varying programs from all organizations, cultural and ecotourism, need to be promoted by the town

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy McDermott, Clerk

BW July 13 EDC Meeting notes

Old Business Clinton Manufacturing Coalition Status STEM

Advanced Manufacturing Partnership update:

July 2: Meeting with Marco and CT Examiner reporter to discuss the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership in Clinton.

July 7: Meeting at Bausch. Discussed internship program. They currently have 14 students engaged in multiple parts of the business. Oliver is pleased with the quality of the students. “In addition, we are investing a lot in teaching them at various departments with the long term goal that they will join Bausch after High School.”

July 12: Meeting with Goodwin University, Hass Automation, Goodwin University and Marco at Morgan. Purpose”

1. Assess if the Mfg. lab will be able to accommodate new CNC milling machine. This was recommended by Goodwin in an earlier visit to improve and strengthen the STEM program. Goodwin helped Clinton get Perkins Grant for \$50k. Total now, \$100k+.
2. Begin the process of assessing current Clinton Engineering curriculum against Goodwin’s. Purpose: Improve, strengthen, and provide students the opportunity to receive high school and college credits simultaneously. Goodwin has partnered with multiple schools in the state.

July (TBD): Governor’s Workforce Council, Regional Sector Partnership (RSP) – Meet with Bill Villano, President and Jill Watson, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Workforce Alliance (WA) in New Haven (They cover Clinton). State just launched with WA the RSP process. Purpose of meeting: How to integrate Clinton manufacturers.