

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday November 17, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
COLCHESTER TOWN HALL

Attendees: Chairman Jim Ford, John Dion, Bruce Fox, Bruce Goldstein, Andreas Bisbikos

Absent: Paul Catalano, Beverly Carr

Also Attending: Adam Turner, Bill Curran

1. Call Meeting to Order Chairman Ford called meeting to order at 7:12pm
2. Approval of the Minutes for Special Meeting of October 21, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes made by Bruce Fox
Seconded by Andreas Bisbikos
Motion passed unanimously

3. Five minute session to the public No public spoke
4. Additions to the Agenda - None
5. New Business
 - a. Setting Standards for Development or Streetscape Projects in the Village District. Discussion of process to undertake this effort- What stakeholders should be involved, etc.

Chairman Ford began discussion by outlining potential activities that could be completed in addressing this topic. For example the Commission could develop and circulate a survey of property owners in the village area asking their viewpoints on development and other regulatory issues. Each member was directed to propose several questions for the survey and forward them to the chairman. Other issues discussed included boundaries, uses and the market potential of the area.

Staff discussed inviting businesses to a meeting to listen to their viewpoints of doing business in Colchester. Staff will work to set up those meetings for January

- b. Municipal Development Plan process for Future Development Zone Areas. Potential Funding sources. Next Steps.

Chairman Ford outlined the process that had been used in Putnam and outlined the development of a marketing study to quantify the types and nature of potential

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economic opportunities for the Town and the consideration of regional efforts for economic development. Chairman Ford was hopeful that State funding from DECD could be obtained for a Municipal Development Plan.

c. Banner deployment in Village District

Staff distributed proposed drawings and other schematic materials for banners on street lights along Lebanon Avenue, Linwood Avenue and Merchants Row. The Commission discussed this and concurred with the design

d. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2015

Motion by Bruce Fox

Second by Andreas Bisbikos

Motion passed unanimously Andreas Bisbikos

6. Old Business

Mission Statement: Members again reviewed the mission statement prepared by the Chairman. Members forwarded the statement to the Board of Selectman for their review **Motion by Bruce Fox**

Second by Andreas Bisbikos

Motion passed unanimously Andreas Bisbikos

7. Adjournment

Motion by Bruce Fox

Second by Andreas Bisbikos

Motion passed unanimously Andreas Bisbikos