

Economic Development Commission
Wednesday March 26, 2014– 7:00PM
Colchester town Hall
Special Meeting Room 1
Minutes and Motions

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

Absent: Kele Issa, Paul Catalano, Bill Curran

Also Attending: Adam Turner, Beverly

1. Call the meeting to order at 7:14pm
2. Additions to agenda - none
3. Approval of the July 15, 2013 Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes made by Jim Ford
 - Seconded by Andreas Bisbikos
 - Motion passed with Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Ford and Mr. Bisbikos voting yes and Mr. Dion abstaining.
4. Five Minute Session to the Public - none
5. Merchants Row Rear Streetscape Project- Mr. Turner outlined the towns plans to improve the sidewalks and lighting in the rear of merchants row /Cragin Court area. He also went described the landscaping and other features that were being developed. He indicated that the Town would seek a Municipal Downtown Improvement Grant to pay for the improvement.

Discussion centered on the use of private property for the roadway and the need to better maintain Cragin Court.

Mr. Turner indicated he would work with the commission to develop the grant and scope of work

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6. STEAP Grant 2014
Mr. Turner outlined the proposed Norton Mill project that would be submitted as a STEAP application. Discussion centered on the use of the site with dam removed and the need for an environmental assessment to be completed. There was agreement it was a worthy project
7. Selection of Officers
After discussion Jim Ford was selected as Chairman and the position of vice chair was not changed and would be revisited at the next meeting

Motion to Select Jim Ford as Chairman made by Andreas Bisbikos

Second by John Dion

Motion Passed by 4-0 vote

Mr. Ford assumed the chairmanship of the commission.

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Andreas Bisbikos
- Seconded by Bruce Goldstein
- Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm