

Colchester Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2017, 7:00 pm
Colchester Town Hall Room 2

Members Present: J. Walsh, T. Falconi, B. Goldstein, J. Ford and B. Fox

Members Absent: J. Dion

Others Present: R. Benson, M. Hinchliffe and A. Bisbikos

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1. Call to Order

J. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None

4. Approval of Minutes

a. June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting

B. Goldstein MOTIONED to accept the minutes of the 6/26 meeting, SECONDED by T. Falconi. J. Ford ABSTAINED. All other members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 3/0/1

5. New Business

a. New Business and Projects

R. Benson presented a revised Tax Abatement Form. This form will be used prior to coming to the EDC and it requires the applicant to see the assessor to get an understanding what their dollar amount will be. Commission members made a couple suggestions. Incord which is a company already here in Colchester is looking to expand. R. Benson stated they are looking to build two 40,000 sq. ft. buildings. Colvest is looking to build a 60,000 sq. ft. building off Linwood Road. Traffic pattern has been Ok'd by DOT. Jack Chevy is under contract, unknown details as of right now. R. Benson also presented maps of Vacant Parcels and Commercial Space Available. Commission members suggested making note of the area of sewer & water. J. Walsh asked that members send ideas of cold call letter recipients to her to get more letters out.

6. Old Business

a. Committee Reports

i. Website & Opportunity Map

T. Falconi stated that First Class, our website software, is outdated. However he was able to repair some of the broken links. The layout has been changed. A virtual tour of the town, and the EDC would like to incorporate the "old" and the "new" of Colchester.

ii. Sign Development

B. Fox will host an unveiling of the Welcome to Colchester sign. Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 11am. This sign was created and installed by High School students.

iii. Municipal Development Plan

J. Ford is asking for suggestions as to what other things can be done by the town besides C-TIP. Suggestions made were tax incentive financing, taxing district (incentive for certain areas). We do have the capacity with sewer and water, the expansion just needs to be done to get it in further locations.

iv. Establishment of EDC 2017-2018 goals

J. Walsh is still looking for bios and head shots of the Commission members. T. Falconi things the Green is a focal point for the Town and needs to be a new initiative. R. Benson stated that they applied for a grant in July to help improve the Green. They are looking to improve the walkway, electric and the bus stop. If the grant is received the next obstacle will be getting approval from the Historic District Commission.

v. Spread sheet discussion

J. Walsh updated the Commission on businesses coming into town, as well as building vacancies. R. Benson also mentioned that a new Brewery is going in by Sears & the Photo Shop.

7. Adjournment

T. Falconi MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm, SECONDED by B. Fox. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell, Clerk