

Colchester Economic Development Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 26, 2017, 7:00 pm
Colchester Town Hall Room 2

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

Members Absent: J. Ford and B. Fox

Others Present: A. Shiloski, R. Benson, and A. Bisbikos

1. **Call to Order** J. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. **Public Comments** None
3. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda** None
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting** B. Goldstein motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by J. Dion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **New Business and Projects** R. Benson presented a revised C-Tip Application that both he and J. Walsh have been working on. The new application specifies what type of business the person is looking for. A visit to the assessor is required now. It also helps to explain the process. B. Goldstein asked to have a line added that one should apply for C-Tip prior to beginning construction. J. Walsh also agreed that she will see if Assessor John Chaponis can come to a meeting to help explain their process. R. Benson will revise and bring to August meeting.
 - b. **Potential speaker for upcoming meeting** J. Walsh is in touch with CIRC and is working on getting a speaker to come for August or September meeting.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Committee Reports**
 - i. **Website & Opportunity Map** Website is in progress. Members need to create bios to introduce themselves to the community. T. Falconi has started a work management program to organize contents of website. A map of what information is needed on the website has been created. Looking for agreement with content.
 - ii. **Sign Development** B. Fox stated in correspondence with J. Walsh that the sign is being cute and is on track for installation in July.
 - iii. **EDC Community Event** J. Walsh and R. Benson attended the Tag Sale on the Green. The CBA donated tent space to the Commission. They presented a flyer, Why and How to open a business in Colchester. In an informal survey conducted

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J. Walsh was able to obtain residents desires on new businesses they would like to see in town.

iv. Municipal Development Plan J. Ford was not present to discuss.

v. Establishment of EDC 2017-2018 goals J. Walsh met with BOS and was granted approval to post airline trail map @ the Lebanon Avenue entrance, as well as approval to contact the State DOT & DEEP to get approval to post at other sites. Zagray Farm owners are interested in working with the EDC on some potential Community Events. Commission members talked about ideas to generate business for the town. Suggestions were such as a town run business (community run), town carnival to generate money for small projects, and grocery store. EDC & R. Benson are working well together and will continue to work together to bring Colchester more Economic Development. A cold call letter is being generated to submit to businesses asking them to look at Colchester for expanding their business. EDC is trying to get businesses to look at Colchester as a community, including surrounding towns, and not just Colchester alone.

7. Adjournment B. Goldstein motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, seconded by J. Dion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell