

Colchester Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 21, 2018, 7:00 PM
Cragin Library, Norton Room B

Members Present: J. Walsh, M. Hinchliffe, B. Goldstein and B. Fox

Members Absent: T. Falconi, J. Dion and H. Perham

Others Present: Town Planner R. Benson, BOF A. Bisbikos and Clerk J. Campbell

1. **Call to Order** - J. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. **Public Comments** - None
3. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda** - None
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **March 19, 2018** – B. Goldstein MOTIONED to accept the 3/19/2018 minutes, SECONDED by M. Hinchliffe. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **New Businesses and Projects-First Selectman, Town Planner** – R. Benson informed the Commission that WOW is looking into building near the library. The building next to United Bank, the owners wish to demolish and lower the grade. O’Reilly Auto parts was interested in coming to town. The spot they have chosen doesn’t allow for automotive type businesses. R. Benson fears they will put Mark’s out of business if that were to happen. Dunkin Donuts in Westchester just received final approval from state DOT and Colvest is still waiting for approval.
 - b. **CBA Meeting & Colchester Coalition Partnership Mtg.** – J. Walsh reported that the CBA Meeting was a good experience. She got a couple feelers off of the suggestion that the EDC can help with an expansion of their business. B. Fox mentioned that Carefree would like to expand. R. Benson asked to have them contact him to discuss options.
 - c. Colchester EDC brochure – Commission members discussed the draft of the brochure and made suggestions. J. Walsh will edit and bring forward.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Committee Reports**
 - i. **Sign Development** – Bruce Fox/ J Walsh – B. Fox stated that after working with United Bank and J. Walsh the school now has the money for the project. In speaking with Mr. Peel the sign will be presented at Graduation this year. Mr. Peel will speak about the working relationship with the Schools and Town. The plan for the placement of the new sign does need to be approved by the BOS.

- ii. **Airline trail map – poster / light** – Poster frame has been bought. Light has been approved to be added. J. Walsh is discussing a “pedestrian trail” coming off the airline trail to the road rather than leading into the parking lot.
- iii. **Spread sheet discussion** – J. Walsh discussed the amount of new trade names filed.
- iv. **Member info update – Heidi** – Heidi just had surgery and was unable to attend tonight’s meeting, however will most likely be at next one.
- v. **Update on proposed projects – Zagray, mural, kiosk (state)** – J. Walsh is still interested in doing a mural on the side of the building in the historic district. Couple suggestions were made as to who should be involved. A local architect is working on a kiosk plan. Potential location of the green. Approval will be sought after design.

7. Adjournment – B. Goldstein MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm and SECONDED by M. Hinchcliffe. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell, Clerk