

Colchester Economic Development Commission

Monday September 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Colchester Town Hall, Room 2

Members Present: J. Walsh, M. Hinchcliffe, B. Goldstein, H. Perham, B. Fox

Absent : J. Dion, T. Falconi

Others: none

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TOWN PLANNER

1. Call to Order : J. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Public Comments : none
3. Changes to the Agenda : none
4. Approval of the minutes from May 21, 2018 : corrections noted: H. Perham was listed as an absent member – but had not been sworn in yet for membership. Also her name was spelled incorrectly : should be Heide .BG suggested to strike in 5 a) “ R. Benson fears they will put Mark’s out of business if that were to happen.” M. Hinchcliffe motioned to accept the minutes as amended, B Goldstein seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. New Business: Projects – a) Town Planner – no report by R. Benson. Read Selectman’s report from 8/27/28.
 - b) Tag Sale on the Green – attended by J Walsh and R Benson – biggest “take away” – people want MORE restaurants in town.
 - c) EDC brochure – further discussion was tabled due to lack of testimonial from local business – decision to be made whether to go with it as is or continue to look for another testimonial.
 - d) Chamber of Commerce – J Walsh and H Perham reported on their meeting with the Middlesex COC. The benefits of membership were discussed and all EDC members agreed the Town of Colchester could only benefit from an affiliation. J Walsh will discuss membership possibility by the CBA.

The EDC members were in agreement that a meeting should be held with ALL entities involved with the future economic growth and prosperity of the town, to discuss their endorsement or support for any efforts made or to be made by the EDC. The support of the political bodies is imperative to the future of the town and the EDC cannot do it alone. Should the EDC invite them to a meeting or should the EDC ask to be on the agenda at a BOS meeting? Further discussion and planning to come.

6 a) Committee Reports: i) Welcome to Colchester sign update:

#1 on Linwood Ave – had fallen due to wind force pressure on breakway posts. DPW will repair and re-install. #2 – Lake Hayward Rd – location approval to be brought to BOS for approval by R Benson - ?? next scheduled meeting?, #3 – off exit 17 – DPW is repainting / cleaning it up Conversation with the wood shop teacher confirmed the new construction specs per DPW recommendations. Conversation with the Colchester Gardening Club included approval of the planting of flowers / shrubs around location #1 – Galaxy properties (may be provided by owner for club to plant), and location #2 – when sign is installed.

ii) airline trail – Eversource has confirmed receipt of work order for light and has scheduled installation. DPW will be scheduling the resurfacing of the lot, and looking into the ownership of the berm near the pole where the light will go – to perhaps reduce it's size for better viability.

iii) – spread sheet – J Walsh will continue to track info on spread sheet but will request the list of newly registered trade name / businesses be included with the minutes / agenda when sent prior to the upcoming meetings.

iv) update on kiosk – R Benson to meet with Historic Commission this evening – will report on outcome at next meeting.

H.Perham asked if there was a town EDC plan. B Goldstein mentioned the last report (from 2009) . – and discussion was had re: the Putnam report R Benson and J Walsh will review and attempt to do for the Town of Colchester. No definite information or date was involved.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm made by B.Goldstein, seconded M. Hinchcliff, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Walsh