

Colchester Economic Development Commission

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

Colchester Town Hall, Room 2

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Members Present: J. Walsh, M. Hinchcliffe, B. Goldstein, J. Dion

Absent: H. Perham, R. Benson, BOF A. Bisbikos

Others: FS Art Shilosky, BOS Liaison Jim Ford

1. Call to Order: J. Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Public Comments : none
3. Changes to the Agenda : none
4. Approval of the minutes from September 17, 2018: (note: no quorum for Oct or Nov 2018). Motion to accept made by Bruce Goldstein, seconded by John Dion. All in favor. Minutes accepted.
5. New Business:
  - i. New Business – A. Shilosky reported there is a new appliance store in town. The brewery is waiting for their liquor license.
  - ii. Plans for EDC panel – consensus was for Thur. April 18, 2019 6 pm – 8 pm
  - iii. Discussion / approval of 2019 meeting minutes – approved with understanding the Jan & Feb meetings are listed as Tuesday dates – contingent on availability of a meeting room. If no room is available a special meeting will be scheduled.
  - iv. Endorsement of grant application – discussion. J. Gigliotti, Wetlands, submitted a grant for the inclusion in the protection of Recreational Hiking Trails. The EDC memo supported the efforts / submission of the grant application.
  - v. Eight Mile Map – inclusion. Discussion re: the meeting to include Colchester in all future conversations, plans, and potential overlays in the brochure project.
  - vi. CBA conversation re: MCOC membership – J. Walsh is on their agenda to present this option
6. Old Business
  - i. Sign Development – 2<sup>nd</sup> Welcome to Colchester has been erected on the corner of the Lake Hayward Rd and Rt. 85. J Walsh met with the Gardening Club chair to discuss their proposal for the enhancement of the sign sites. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Welcome to Colchester sign is scheduled to be installed in place of the old sign at the end of exit 17 from Rt. 2 – on Miller Rd. (exact style as the other 2)
  - ii. Airline trail light – was approved, paid for, waiting for Eversource to install
  - iii. Spread sheet discussion: YTD: 11 Property transfers, 54 NEW businesses registered, 746 permits issued. BA students present requested some sort of entertainment venue for their age group (roller skating rink) – will look into.
  - iv. Update on proposed projects: kiosk – on hold; sign regulation update – J Walsh read the changes proposed by the Planning Dept. to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission for approval. She will take them to the CBA to discuss. Right to Farm signs – Semkow is eligible.

Prior to call for adjournment Jim Ford mentioned he had received a grant application at the beginning of December, for the EDC inclusion. Details were not provided, however Ms. Walsh asked that he forward the email to her so she could look into it.
7. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm made by B. Goldstein, seconded M. Hinchcliffe, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Walsh