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MINUTES
WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
December 12, 2024
WATERFORD TOWN HALL
5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chairman Edward Lusher, Kathleen Mullen-Kohl, Guy Russo
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Michael Buscetto, James Nicholas
ALTERNATES PRESENT:	None
ALTERNATES ABSENT:	Scott Gladstone, Julie Greco
STAFF PRESENT:	Jonathan E. Mullen, AICP, Planning Director, Mark Wujtewicz, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman E. Lusher called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2024

MOTION: Motion made by K. Mullen-Kohl, seconded by G. Russo to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2024 meeting as written.

VOTE: 3-0

3. UPDATE ON NEW AND EXISTING BUSINESSES

M. Wujtewicz informed the Commission of an application to construct a 3,800 sq ft addition to the WalMart building for the storage and staging of online pickup orders. There will not be additional retail space with this project and a public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Special Permit is scheduled for January 14, 2025.

J. Mullen updated the Commission on a preliminary site plan application review for the Oswegatchie Fire House. He noted that the review is nearing completion and comments will be sent to the project engineer to be addressed. An application to and approval by the Conservation Commission will be required prior to site plan approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

He also updated the Commission on the construction status of the BestWay gasoline station and convenience store at 118 Boston Post Road.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **Upcoming EDC Sponsored Events**

  J. Mullen informed the Commission that he had reached out to Laura Blake of the Women's Business Development Council who gave a presentation to the Commission at its October 10, 2024 meeting. He stated that she was receptive to working with the Commission on sponsoring an event for sometime in the early part of next year.

- **Gateway Signage**
  J. Mullen informed the Commission that he had spoken with the First Selectman regarding the Gateway Signage upgrades that the Commission was pursuing. He stated that the First Selectman suggested the funding for the signage come from donations. The project will be paused until a plan to solicit donations has been established.

Chairman Lusher informed the Commission that he will not be seeking reelection as Chair to the Commission at the beginning of next year. He will, however continue to serve on the Commission as a voting member. He stated that this is an opportunity for another member to consider the position to continue the positive momentum for the Commission moving forward.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by G. Russo, seconded by K. Mullen-Kohl, to adjourn the meeting at 5:16.

VOTE: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wujtewicz
Planner