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TOWN CLERK**MINUTES****WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION****July 11, 2024****WATERFORD TOWN HALL – LOUISE T. APPLEBY ROOM****5:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Lusher, Chairman, Kathleen Mullen-Kohl, Guy Russo, Michael Buscetto,

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Nicholas

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Julie Greco

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Scott Gladstone

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan E. Mullen, AICP, Planning Director, Mark Wujtewicz, Planner, Dawn Choisy, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES**
Chairman E. Lusher called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. J. Greco was seated for J. Nicholas.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2024**
MOTION: Motion made by K. Mullen-Kohl, seconded by M. Buscetto to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting as written
VOTE: 4-0-1 (G. Russo abstained, not present at last meeting)
3. **CRYSTAL MALL UPDATE**
J. Mullen updated the Commission on the progress being made, and stated that he will bring more information as it is received.
4. **PRESENTATION BY SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT ENTERPRISE REGION (seCTer)**
R.T. Brown, Director of Economic Development Strategies and Business Services from seCTer gave a presentation to the Commission. A discussion ensued regarding how seCTer can provide assistance to the Town and local businesses in support of Economic Development.

(J. Greco left the meeting at 5:30)
5. **UPDATE ON NEW AND EXISTING BUSINESSES**
M. Wujtewicz informed the Commission of a new application pending with the Planning & Zoning Commission for a regulation amendment to allow cottage food operations as a customary home occupation. He also updated the Commission on the following building activity:

- Chipotle will be opening soon
- 118 Boston Post Road Gas Station/Convenience Store
- Bath & Body Works relocating from Crystal Mall to Waterford Commons
- New Nail Spa at Utopia Plaza
- New Fish Market at Jordan Brook Plaza

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **Waterford Week Parade** – J. Mullen informed the Commission on the upcoming Waterford Week Parade and to consider participation.
- **EDC Sponsored Open House** – M. Buscetto stated that he will coordinate this. G. Russo also expressed interest to assist M. Buscetto.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- **Gateway Signage** – M. Buscetto reviewed with the Commission a photo of the existing sign at the Jordan Green. It was the consensus of the Commission that similar signage should be considered.

MOTION: Motion made by G. Russo, seconded by M. Buscetto, to place payment of bills on the agenda.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Motion made by K. Mullen-Kohl, seconded by M. Buscetto, to approve payment of \$221.00 for the annual membership to the Eastern CT Chamber of Commerce.

VOTE: 4-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by K. Mullen-Kohl, seconded by M. Buscetto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm.

VOTE: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,


Dawn Choisy
Recording Secretary