

WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**August 11, 2022
Virtual Meeting
5:00 PM**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Radin, Edward Lusher, Jill Szymanski,
MEMBERS ABSENT: Lesley Sollima, Eric Palmer
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Julie Greco
ALTERNATES ABSENT: Greg Attanasio
STAFF PRESENT: Mark Wujtewicz, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

MOTION: Motion made by D. Radin, seconded by E. Lusher to seat J. Greco for E. Palmer.

VOTE: 3-0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 14, 2022 Meeting

MOTION: Motion made by E. Lusher, seconded by J. Szymanski, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting.

VOTE: 4-0

3. COMMISSION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES:

- Town Economic Development Strategy

D. Radin suggested that someone who had attended the previous meetings provide a synopsis of what was discussed relative to the forwarding the implementation of the Town's Economic Development Strategy.

The Commission discussed the distribution of the press release and survey and the launch of the Small Business Grant Program. They raised concerns regarding not being consulted with and the lack of opportunity and communication regarding their involvement in the Program process.

D. Radin reminded the members of the Commission that the topic on the agenda is to discuss the Economic Development Strategy. He noted that there appears to be lack of enthusiasm among the members to prioritize the development of the Strategy. He informed the Commission that they had voted in prior meetings to start to implement the development of an Economic Development Strategy and to consider it a top priority.

E. Lusher stated that J. Szymanski had presented to the Commission at the June 9, 2022 meeting a preliminary "roadmap" with initiatives toward creating an Economic Development Strategy. J. Szymanski shared her outline of a proposed economic development strategy with the Commission. She described the key aspects of the Strategy.

It was the consensus of the Commission that J. Szymanski is to provide copies of the outline to each of the members of the Commission for their review and to provide input to be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by J. Szymanski and seconded by E. Lusher to adjourn the meeting at 5:40.

VOTE: 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Wujtewicz
Planner