WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
March 10, 2022
Appleby Room
5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman -Dan Radin, Eric Palmer, Jill Szymanski, Edward Lusher
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Greg Attanasio (5:15)
STAFF PRESENT: Abby Piersall, AICP, Director of Planning, Mark Wujtewicz, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES
A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 10, 2022 Meeting

MOTION: Motion made by E. Lusher, seconded by J. Szymanski, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting.

VOTE: 4-0

3. COMMISSION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES:

- Microgranted

A Piersall that she was informed the Waterford Business Startup Microgrant program was not eligible for funding through the American Rescue Plan Program. She explained to the Commission the reasons the ARPA funding was not available and that the Commission could pursue the availability of other sources of funding.

- Small Business Grants

A Piersall informed the Commission that the opportunity to pursue the Small Business Grant program is still active. She described a similar program administered by the Town of East Windsor. The East Windsor Program utilizes the services of an Economic Development Consultant and that model may be used in Waterford with the EDC voting to select award recipients. She will use the East Windsor RFP as a model and update it with Waterford specifics. She would like to send out RFPs for consultants by next week and hopefully receive proposals by the next meeting.

G. Attanasio (5:15) seated for the vacant seat

It was the consensus of the Commission to direct A Piersall to send out the RFP within the next couple of weeks.

- A Piersall informed the Commission of Raised Bill 5202 in the State Legislature regarding the lifting of a ban on expansion of Nuclear Generating Facilities by utilizing small Nuclear generators on the existing site of Millstone. Discussion ensued among the members and it was decided to generate a letter of support from the Commission for the bill.

MOTION: J. Szymanski seconded by Gregg Attanasio for the Commission to produce a position statement in support of Raised Bill 5202.

VOTE: 5-0

4. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PERMITTING STATUS
M. Wujtewicz updated the Commission with the status of ongoing projects in Town.

5. UPDATE OF BUDGET HEARING STATUS
A Piersall informed the Commission that the EDC budget proposal had passed.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS
None

7. CORRESPONDENCE
None

8. OTHER BUSINESS
None

9. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by G. Attanasio, seconded by J. Szymanski to adjourn at 6:20 PM.
VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Wujtewicz
Planner