

WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**January 13, 2022
Remote Zoom Session
5:00 PM**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman -Dan Radin, Eric Palmer, Jill Szymanski, Edward Lusher
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Greg Attanasio
STAFF PRESENT: Abby Piersall, AICP, Director of Planning, Mark Wujtecwicz, 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 - December 9, 2021 Meeting**

M. Wujtecwicz informed the Commission of the following amendments to the minutes:

In the item Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, change the consultant fee from \$80/hr to \$200/hr

In the item Startup Microgrant Program remove the line "E. Lusher who was tasked with this project was not present."

MOTION: Motion made by J. Szymanski, seconded by E. Lusher, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting as amended.

VOTE: 5-0

G. Attanasio (5:10) seated for the vacant seat

3. **COMMISSION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES:**

- Other Board's and Commissions' business of interest to EDC

A Piersall updated the Commission on the status of the Cannabis Moratorium zoning regulation amendment. various projects and initiatives that are reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A. Piersall offered to connect E. Palmer with G. Massad regarding language in drafting regulations for the sale of cannabis products.

She informed the Commission of a public hearing scheduled for the January 25 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a potential to opt out of the Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation. The Commission discussed and decided not to provide a policy recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission on the impact of Accessory Dwelling Units on economic development in Waterford.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the scope of the RFP for the update to the Plan of Conservation and Development. Included in the discussion was that the Planning and Zoning Commission affording the opportunity for members of the EDC to contribute to the update in areas that concern Economic Development.

- FY23 Budget Updates

A Piersall updated the Commission on the status of the FY23 Budget request. She stated that there have not been any modifications to the proposed budget as of yet.

- Small Business Grant Program

E. Lusher informed the Commission that he has not received any feedback from members regarding the outline of process that he had submitted at the October meeting. He also stated that he was informed that the initiative was to be placed on hold until March. A Piersall stated that the Startup Microgrant Program would be placed with a higher priority focus than the Small Business Grant Program at this time. A Piersall suggested taking the program outline that E. Lusher had provided and distribute to the members of the Commission and other interested parties for input and feedback on any modifications. A Piersall requested any additional information or criteria from the members to be forwarded to her so that she may develop a package of criteria and procedures. D Radin requested that Abby send an electronic version of E. Lusher's outline to the members and to facilitate coordination between the members regarding any revisions and comments of the document.

4. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PERMITTING STATUS

M. Wujtewicz updated the Commission with the status of ongoing projects in Town.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

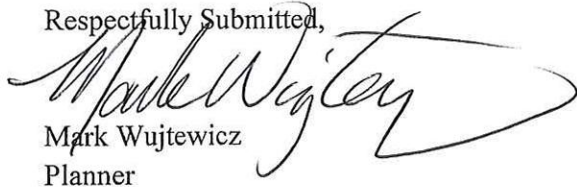
None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by D. Radin, seconded by G. Attanasio to adjourn at 5:50 PM.

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Wujtewicz
Planner