

WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 14, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
5:00 PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman -Kevin Marcks, Stephanie Hughes, Richard LaCombe
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivan Kuvalanka, Edward Lusher,
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Eric Palmer, Greg Attanasio
ALTERNATES ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Abby Piersall, AICP, Planning Director, Mark Wujtewicz, Planner

1. **CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES**

A quorum was established. K. Marcks called the meeting to order at 5:00PM and appointed E. Palmer for E. Lusher and G. Attanasio for I. Kuvalanka.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2020 meeting**

MOTION: Motion made by K. Marcks, seconded by S. Hughes to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting.

VOTE: 5-0 to approve the minutes.

3. **COMMISSION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES:**

a. Creation of Annual Business Calendar for Website

K. Marcks briefly reviewed the purpose for the calendar on the website in terms of highlighting events, businesses and other activities with useful information that would be of benefit to visitors to the site and to Waterford. He asked the members for suggestions and ideas to place on the calendar for the months of January through March. He stated that the Community Center has a full calendar of events for the month of January. K. Marcks highlighted several activities that appear on the Community Center Calendar.

He stated that the January through March segment of the Calendar may focus more on business by highlighting new and relocated businesses. Can establish commercial broker outreach type of events. Adding the Nevin's House to the website was discussed.

R. LaCombe was asked to create a profile for either Big Y property or the vacant restaurant at the Stop and Shop Center.

K. Marcks stated that was important for the EDC to add content to the website in order to promote the work of the EDC to the Town.

The next meeting will focus on the items discussed tonight and a calendar period for January through June.

A. Piersall stated that the information that was submitted for the Airport Property is available on the website for a limited time and will also be available in the files for review by anyone interested in the property.

b. Discuss pics and video reviewed by K. Marcks for addition to the Town Website & EDC

K. Marcks stated that he has received and reviewed the drone videos and pictures of various areas in Town. He will be looking to attempt to partner with the High School to help in producing content.

c. Discuss EDC Membership

K. Marcks stated that Rob Brule has been reviewing the membership's terms on the EDC.

4. TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PERMITTING STATUS

M. Wujtewicz reviewed ongoing development projects with the Commission.

A. Piersall reviewed proposed regulation amendments. One that will codify the use of "pick-up windows" for restaurants and retail. Another proposed amendment allows the ability of property owners to establish small scale urban farms.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE – None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Jason Gabrielle, owner and proprietor of Gabrielle's Kickboxing attended the meeting. He stated that he was interested in learning more about the Economic Development Commission's function. K. Marcks stated that he will be more than willing to discuss with him the role of the Commission and projects that the Commission has worked on.

Gary Decker, new resident and business owner stated that he was interested in the Waterford Community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by K. Marcks, seconded by S. Hughes to adjourn at 5:57 PM.

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Wujtewicz
Planner