

WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

March 9, 2023

WATERFORD TOWN HALL

5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Lusher, Chairman, Greg Attanasio
MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Aledia, Lesley Sollima, Guy Russo
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Julie Greco
ALTERNATES ABSENT: Catherine Gonyo
STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Mullen, AICP, Planning Director
Mark Wujtewicz, Planner

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES**
E. Lusher, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. J. Greco was seated for G. Russo

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2023 Meeting**

MOTION: Motion made by E. Lusher, seconded by G. Attanasio, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting.

VOTE: 3-0

3. **REVIEW OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT AWARD STATUS:**

M. Wujtewicz, updated the Commission with the progress of the second round of the grant program. He indicated that the applications went live on March 3rd and that everything is proceeding according to the timeline. The Town's website was updated to include the application and for those that want to fill out the application in person, copies are available in the Permitting Office. He also informed the Commission that notification of the applications going live was posted on the First Selectman's Town of Waterford Facebook Page. Submission of applications is scheduled to close on April 3rd at 5:00pm. Selection of the awardees by the EDC is scheduled for their meeting on April 13th.

4. **REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

J. Mullen informed the Commission as to the status of the funds that are available in the EDC budget toward the development of the EDC Strategic Plan. He explained the process that would be undertaken to hire a consultant to develop the strategic plan which would include creating an RFP. He also reminded the Commission that while the example of a Strategic Plan was distributed to the Commission at the last meeting, it was created prior to Covid and that any strategic plan developed now may differ greatly than one created pre Covid.

The members asked staff to start working on language that would be included in an RFP for a consultant.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by G. Attanasio and seconded by J. Greco to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm.

VOTE: 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Wujtewicz
Planner