

WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

November 10, 2022

WATERFORD TOWN HALL

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ATTEST: *David L. Campese*
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Lusher, Chairman, Lesley Sollima, Guy Russo
MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Aledia
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Julie Greco, Greg Attanasio
ALTERNATES ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Abby Piersall, AICP, Planning Director, Mark Wujtewicz, Planner,
Brianna Regine Walston, CEO & Founder BR Visionary Consulting

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

E. Lusher seated J. Greco for E. Aledia and G. Attanasio for Vacancy. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 13, 2022 Meeting**

MOTION: Motion made by J. Greco, seconded by L. Sollima, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting.

VOTE: 5-0

3. **REVIEW OF SMALL BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AWARD OF GRANTS:**

The Commission discussed the applications in general. There were eight applications that were complete as submitted for review. B. Regine Walston described the review process with the Commission. The Commission then reviewed and discussed each of the following applications individually:

A Cut Above Hair Design, LLC

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by J. Greco and seconded by L. Sollima to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Operational Expenses as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

Mike & Melissa, LLC dba Utopia Salon

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by G. Russo and seconded by J. Greco to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Capital Investments as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

Dream In Color Marketing, LLC

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by J. Greco and seconded by G. Attanasio to award the applicants request for \$8,500.00 to be used for Marketing and Communications as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

Millaras Piggery, LLC

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by G. Russo and seconded by G. Attanasio to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Capital Investments as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

Waterford Gymnastics Center

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by J. Greco and seconded by L. Sollima to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Operational Expenses as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

Nana's Byrek, LLC

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by L. Sollima and seconded by G. Attanasio to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Capital Investments contingent upon the applicant providing a quote for the refrigeration and freezer as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

Filomena's LLC

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by G. Russo and seconded by J. Greco to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Marketing and Communications as described in the application.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (G. Attanasio abstain)

Ivy's Simply Homemade, LLC

The Commission reviewed this application.

MOTION: Motion made by J. Greco and seconded by L. Sollima to award the applicants request for \$10,000.00 to be used for Capital Investment as described in the application.

VOTE: 5-0

The Commission discussed the process with B. Regine Walston and potential considerations for future installments of the Small Business Grant Program. They thanked her for her support and assistance throughout the process for this portion of the program.

4. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

A copy of the proposed 2024 draft budget was distributed to the Commission for review. The Commission will act on forwarding the budget to the Board of Selectman at the next meeting.

REVIEW OF THE 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the annual report for Fiscal year 2021/2022.

MOTION: Motion made by J. Greco and seconded by G. Attanasio to approve the FY 2021/2022 Annual Report of the Economic Development Commission.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (G. Russo abstain)

MOTION: Motion made by L. Sollima and seconded by J. Greco to add the review and approval of the Economic Development Commission 2023 meeting schedule to the agenda.

VOTE: 5-0

The Commission reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule.

MOTION: Motion made by L. Sollima and seconded by J. Greco to approve the Economic Development Commission proposed 2023 meeting schedule as submitted.

VOTE: 5-0

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by G. Attanasio and seconded by G. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 6:08.

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Wujtewicz
Planner