

WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**February 11, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
5:00 PM**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman -Kevin Marcks, Edward Lusher, Richard LaCombe
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivan Kuvalanka, Stephanie Hughes
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Eric Palmer, Greg Attanasio
ALTERNATES ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: 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 S. Hughes and G. Attanasio for I. Kuvalanka.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2021 meeting**

MOTION: Motion made by K. Marcks, seconded by E. Lusher to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting.

VOTE: 5-0 to approve the minutes.

3. **COMMISSION PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES:**

a. Creation of Annual Business Calendar for Website

K. Marcks briefly updated the members on the items being proposed to place on the Annual Business Calendar. He recognized the work that R. LaCombe has done relative to the former Big Y building and G. Attanasio relative to the Nevins Cottage. K. Marcks opened up the for discussion as to the member's thoughts and concerns, if any, on moving forward with the Business Calendar. E. Palmer suggested that the Commission may need to redefine the Business Calendar as a Spotlight of Business and Areas in Town. It was the consensus of the Commission to rename the Calendar to Spotlight.

K. Marcks suggested several properties and locations throughout Town that could be considered in the Spotlight portion of the Website including the Crystal Mall, Waterford Airport Site, Civic Triangle Area, Mago Point, the vacant Papa Gino's Building in the Stop and Shop Plaza and Nevins Cottage Property. G. Attanasio wanted to be sure that any use promoted for the Nevins Cottage property be thoroughly reviewed addressing any legal liability on the Town's part. He also suggested to consider businesses and other business areas in Quaker Hill.

b. R. LaCombe updated the Commission on his conversations with the manager of Ocean State Job Lot relative to the sublease arrangement with Big Y on the property and their long term plans for the property once the sub lease soon expires.

c. K. Marcks stated that he had reached out to Andy Grant from ACE Hardware to welcome him and the business to Waterford and that if he needed any assistance to let the Economic Development Commission know.

d. K. Marcks has been in communication with the First Selectman regarding seating new members to the Commission.

4. **TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PERMITTING STATUS**

M. Wujtewicz reviewed ongoing development projects with the Commission.

He reviewed the recently adopted change to zoning regulations related to building mounted signage.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE – None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

E. Palmer stated that he was interested in the prospect of establishing a funding mechanism to support local businesses as present at the last meeting by Waterford Business owner Jason Gabrielle. K. Marcks stated that he and A. Piersall are looking into the various ways of establishing the process. K. Marcks updated the members on the Budget hearings and how the EDC budget fared. He stated that Board of Selectman had reduced the EDC request by \$1,000.00.

K. Marcks welcomed Jill Czymanski to the meeting. She stated that she is a resident and interested in Waterford business and the Economic Development Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by K. Marcks, seconded by G. Attanasio to adjourn at 5:55 PM.

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Wujtewicz', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mark Wujtewicz
Planner