

MINUTES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
March 10, 2020

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Robert Werner, Commissioners Hank Teskey, John May (sitting for John Allen), Phil Sengle (sitting for Richard Juel) and Rob Acampora (sitting for John Hussaini)

Also present: Tim Guerra

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of February 11, 2020:

- A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by R. Acampora to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Guests: None

Old Business:

Clinton Manufacturing Coalition - presented by R. Werner:

- R. Werner met with Jaime Scott, representative of the New Haven Manufacturing Association and with Eric Brown of CBIA to discuss opportunities
- Informed the commissioners of a publication titled "Cool Stuff" – a Hartford Business Journal that reports on items made in CT
- H. Teskey and R. Werner will provide workshops to inform businesses of incentives to help them become more competitive
  - Topics such as training credits businesses can receive will be discussed
- To show a presence in Clinton, the CMC is considering hosting food and dessert trucks either the second or third week in May
- The CMC representatives met with the BoE to provide help with the Carl Perkins grant application
  - This grant provides funds to bring technology into the school system
- Bausch is getting involved in Career Day scheduled for March 19, 2020
  - Providing robotic applications and bringing awareness to manufacturing as a good career
- Eric Bergman meets with students on Wednesday after school and has invited representatives from CMC and EDC to speak with them for 10 Wednesdays
  - To date the following people have volunteered to speak with the students:
    - R. Werner
    - Mike Williams
    - Colin Cooper
    - Project Coordinator from ERP
    - Andrew Lucas from Bausch

Hospitality:

Trolley:

- The route has changed – going further east (to Brewers Marina), have a trolley stop at Lobster Landing/Shanks and eliminating some of the lesser used stops

- It was suggested to set up kiosks at Brewers, town dock and Clinton Crossings to inform the public of the trolley and its route
- R. Acampora will update the trolley information
- An app for the phone will be developed
- Invite P. Orsini to the next EDC meeting

Website Revise:

- R. Acampora distributed a revised EDC site map for the commissioners to review and revise
- Questioned whether Rivercog can assist the EDC in any capacity

Façade Improvements:

- Utilizing the GIS system map, P. Sengle approached most of the building/property owners along Main Street
- Property owners were interested in improving their facades utilizing a small town economic assistance programs for which the Town Manager would apply

Presentation to the Town Council on March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

- H. Teskey and R. Werner will present to the Town Council what the EDC has done and has planned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk