

Revised MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
April 13, 2021

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Robert Werner, Commissioners Richard Juel, Hank Teskey, John Hussaini, Phil Sengle

Also present: Town Council Liaison Tim Guerra and Nicki Dakis

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

Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2021:

- A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by R. Juel to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Clinton Manufacturing Coalition Status (report attached):

- Bausch and Roper Thermals are both very busy
- NSA was sold to a Pennsylvania company
 - Steve West would like to remain active with CMC
- Companies are having a difficult time finding workers
 - Companies can't compete with the generous unemployment benefits individuals are receiving
- Discussed the number of high school students who do not attend college or enter the military
- The Goodwin University Advanced Manufacturing Mobile Lab will be at the Eliot School on May 18th
- Discussed the possibility of extending the CMC to neighboring towns
 - Need to ensure there is an adequate work force available for the Clinton companies

STEAP Grant:

- Matt Williams did a walk about of Clinton's downtown
- \$15,000 in the 2020-2021 EDC budget will be used for the architectural drawings
- The STEAP Grant needs to be signed
- H. Teskey will send an email to Town Manager Kilduff regarding funds from the Federal Government

Train Station:

- The Train Station contractor will place an identical "CLINTON" sign facing Route One

Town Branding and Wayfinding Signs:

- Bids for the signage were received ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000

FY 2021-2022 EDC Budget Status:

- The budget was submitted and it includes a Part-time Business Liaison Administrator
 - This budget goes to referendum on May 12, 2021

New Business:

EDC Presentation to the Town Council

- J. Allen and R. Werner presented the attached report to the Town Council on April 7, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy McDermott, Clerk