

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
July 11, 2023

PRESENT: John Allen, Robert Werner, Hank Teskey, Richard Juel, John Hussaini, Dylan Walter

Also present: Thomas Hollinger

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- A motion was made by R. Werner, seconded by R. Juel to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

EDC Community Based Planning

- Reviewed "Create a list of Downtown Businesses to be contacted by "DO" – Business Type, Owner/Tenant information prepared by R. Werner
- The following are the actions to be taken and the people tasked to complete them:
 - Collect all data/information from all sources: John Allen and Emily Roy
 - Consolidate/merge all data/information from all sources: K. Kilduff, John Allen, Robert Werner and Emily Roy
 - Validate consolidated data/information for accuracy. Add names, contact info: Wendy McDermott
 - Revise database with consolidated, validated data information: Robert Werner and Robert Murdock

Discussed how to telegraph (get the word out) to the businesses what exactly the Economic Development Commission (Community Based Planning) is developing and the actions they will be taking

- J. Allen will update the power point presentation previously shown to the Town Council
 - This power point presentation can then be presented to the Chamber, Planning and Zoning, Wetlands, Lions and Rotary Clubs, Town Council, etc. and possibly posted on the EDC website

New Business:

Clinton Chamber of Commerce Coordination:

- Discussed the need to have a formal presentation to the Chamber to bring them up to date on the Economic Development Commission's progress
 - It was determined that a representative from the Economic Development Commission would attend the Chamber's morning meeting each month
 - At this meeting they would update the Chamber and answer any questions presented

Review current Town signage regulations:

- Discussed the use of feather signs in front of businesses
 - The current Clinton regulations outlaw the use of these signs
 - The Chamber is advocating for the Planning and Zoning regulations to be relaxed to allow the feather signs
 - A motion was made by H. Teskey, seconded by J. Hussaini to leave the Planning and Zoning sign regulations just as they are currently written (feather signs are not allowed). The motion carried unanimously.

October Manufacturing Month:

- R. Werner explained to the commission about Manufacturing Month in October

Small Town Economic Assistance:

- Clinton has commitments to spend most of the current STEAP grant monies for the façade improvements
- CT is gearing up to award additional STEAP grants
 - Applications must be submitted by August 18, 2023
 - A motion was made by H. Teskey, seconded by R. Werner to recommend to the Town Council that the town should apply for another STEAP grant to continue the façade improvement program. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk