

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
September 12, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman John Allen, Robert Werner, Robert Murdock, Richard Juel, Rob Acampora, John May, John Hussaini, Dylan Walter, Emily Roy, Hank Teskey (arrived 7:40 p.m.)

Also present: Thomas Hollinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of August 12, 2023:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 12, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

EDC Community Based Planning Project:

- Discussed the role of the EDC in relationship to the work to be performed by the Town Council and Town Planner
 - Invite Town Planner Abby Piersall to the EDC meeting(s) to discuss her vision, branding, etc.
 - Update the Town Council by attending one of their meetings
- The database has been developed and will have to be reviewed by Town Manager Kilduff
 - Shop owners as well as property owners should be reflected on the database
 - Both types of owners will be included in the interview process
 - All answers to the questionnaire will help the Town Council with their vision
- The Economic Development Commission town website has been updated by M. Schettino
 - E. Roy will update the website after information has been approved by K. Kilduff
- A team comprised of R. Murdock, R. Juel, J. May, E. Roy and D. Walter, will visit each shop, between Grove Street and the Indian River
 - An informational sheet (brochure) will be prepared for the EDC team to leave with shop owners
- The questionnaire will be developed later; with some specific questions for each type of business (such as restaurants, service, retail, etc.)
- Presentations will be made to the town commissions, Chamber of Commerce and Land Use

H. Teskey and J. Mastroianni discussed the possibility of training students some culinary skills, preparing them to work in a restaurant

- H. Teskey spoken with Assistant Superintendent Marco Famiglietti and will speak with Scott Dolch, President of the Connecticut Restaurant Association

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk