

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **December 13th, 2022**

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Geoffrey Cooper.

Members' Present: Judy Andrade, Craig Bein, Scott Blinkhorn, Marlene Cook, Geoffrey Cooper, Ross Farrugia, Steve Hebner, Tom O'Brien, Dean Roussel, Lincoln Cooper; First Selectman (ex-officio)

Members' Absent: Ross Farrugia. Mark Jordan

Staff Present:

Audience of Citizens:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by J. Andrade to accept, as written, the previous meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Church Street – Town Owned Property: R. Bein let the commission know that Demian Sorrentino notified her that the Wood's Family had back out of the offer due to too much wetlands. There was discussion. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by C. Bein to have except the Camodeo's offer for \$90,000 contingent on buyer's ability to get (1) 3-bedroom house in the southeast portion of lot. All testing and investigation at buyer's expense. All voted in favor of the motion. R. Bein will let D. Sorrentino know.

b. Industrial Park Lot #13: R. Bein has not heard back from Dana Peloso, Jeff Joslyn's Real estate Agent or Jeff Joslyn since she emailed the letter dated 9/16/22. There was discussion. R. Bein will send out an email to follow up and get an update. She will give them 30 days to respond. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by C. Bein to table till we hear back from D. Peloso and/or J. Joslyn. All voted in favor of this motion.

c. Discussion Regarding the Sale of 11.7 +/- Acres of Vacant Land for Property Located at 0 Plainfield Pike Independently from the Sale of 1110 Plainfield Pike – a.k.a. Old Town Library: R. Bein gave all the members an email from Attorney Mike Zizka from Halloran & Sage LLP with clarification from the questions. There was discussion. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by C. Bein to request D. Sorrentino to come to the next EDC meeting to discuss this property. All voted in favor of the motion.

d. For Sale Signs: There was discussion and questions. L. Cooper will contact Gagnon Signs. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by S. Blinkhorn to table till we hear back from Gagnon Signs. All voted in favor of this motion.

e. Artisenergy, EV Charging Station: R. Bein reported that she has been in contact with Artienergy and they cancelled three different meetings. T. O'Brien is in the process of finding another company that does charging stations. D. Roussel made a motion, S. Blinkhorn seconded the motion to table till T. O'Brien can get more information. All were in favor of this motion.

f. Financial Reports: R. Bein reported that her and S. Hebner will be meeting after January 2023 to go over the bills and financial reports. D. Roussel made a motion, S. Blinkhorn seconded the motion to removed off the Agenda till February 2023. All voted in favor of this motion.

g. Lot 6 Bailey Road: D. Sorrentino reported to R. Bein to let the commission know that he has not received any responses from the owners of the abutting properties. There was

discussion. R. Bein will contact D. Sorrentino to ask about the process of possibly doing an auction of 6 Bailey Road. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by S. Hebner to table till we hear back from D. Sorrentino. All voted in favor of this motion.

h. Maintenance, Incubator Building: R. Bein mentioned she had no updates at this time on the Incubator Building. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by C. Bein to remove this off the agenda. All voted in favor of this motion.

i. Voting for Officers: R. Bein explained the process of voting. L. Cooper open the floor for nominations for Chair. S. Hebner nominated D. Roussel for Chair. C. Bein seconded D. Roussel for Chair. L. Cooper asked for any other nominees. S. Blinkhorn nominated G. Cooper for Chair. J. Andrade seconded G. Cooper for Chair. L. Cooper asked for any other nominees. No other nominations. D. Roussel voted for the nominations to be closed, seconded by J. Andrade. All were in favor of this vote. Each EDC member that was present was able to vote for a chair. R. Bein counted all the votes. L. Cooper also counted all the votes. L. Cooper announced that the results were five (5) votes for G. Cooper and three (3) voted for D. Roussel. L. Cooper open the nominees for Vice Chair. D. Roussel nominated S. Hebner for Vice Chair. C. Bein seconded S. Hebner for Vice Chair. L. Cooper asked for any other nominations. There were no other nominations. D. Roussel voted for the nominations to be closed, seconded by S. Blinkhorn. All were in favor of this vote. L. Cooper announced that with no other nominations, S. Hebner is Vice Chair.

New Business:

a. Yearly Monthly Meeting Schedule: R. Bein handed to all the members a copy of next year's monthly meeting schedule. There was discussion. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by S. Hebner to change February 14th date to February 7th and to remove the dates of July 11th and December 12th off the schedule. All voted in favor of this motion.

b. Permit for Excavation for around the Incubator Building: R. Bein handed the commission a copy of the old permit for the excavation for around the Incubator Building. There was discussion. D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by C. Bein to remove from the agenda till we need a new permit. All voted in favor of this motion.

c. Industrial Park Lot #5: R. Bein gave a copy of a draft agreement that was written by Attorney Michael Zizka for Industrial Park Lot #5 property. There was discussion. S. Hebner made a motion, seconded by D. Roussel that they accept the agreement and will move forward with it. All voted in favor of this motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: L. Cooper reported to the commission that he was contacted by Valentina Somomita by phone. V. Somomita would like to have L. Cooper share with the EDC commission her plans. L. Cooper requested V. Somomita write up her plans and he will present them. V. Somomita has not provided any plans to L. Cooper yet.

Adjournment: D. Roussel made a motion, seconded by J. Andrade to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.