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### 'Virtual' Regular Meeting APPROVED MINUTES

Shaun Gately  
Economic Development Director

### Vernon Economic Development Commission Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 AM

#### Zoom Meeting Information

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Cohen at 7:39 am. Also present on the call were Commissioners William Breslau, Jordan Coe, Daniel Kennedy and Jeffrey Adamson. Staff members present were Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator, and Leslie Campolongo, Project Coordinator.
2. **Public Forum:** There was no one present for the Public Forum.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** December 8, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Breslau to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Adamson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Economic Development Status Update:** Mr. Gately provided an update on the following projects:
  - Amerbelle Mill redevelopment
  - 206 Talcottville Rd. (ProHealth)
  - Golf Land renovation
  - 274 Talcottville Rd.(Square Peg Pizza)
  - Primitive Renditions expansion
  - Lucky Taco
  - McDonalds (Reservoir Rd.)
5. **New Business:**
  - **COVID Recovery update** - Mr. Gately provided an update on the Town's activities and statistics related to the region.
  - **Buy Local Campaign**— Discussion took place regarding the Town's efforts to promote "buy local". Mr. Gately asked the Commission to come to the next meeting with ideas and suggestions as to how the Town can partner with local organizations to make a bigger impact. Ms. Coe and Mr. Adamson offered to assist Mr. Gately with this effort.
6. **Old Business:**
  - **2022 POCD update**- Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the larger POCD workshop that was held on 1/14/2021. Discussion took place regarding exit 66 and 67. Mr. Breslau raised the subject of "transition zones". Discussion took place. Mr. Breslau will conduct research on this topic and report back to the Commission.

7. **Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses:**

- Homesense - opening on 2-11-21
- Pro Health - ribbon cutting on 2-3-21

8. **Adjournment:** Mr. Gately reminded the commission that its next meeting is March 9, 2021. Sustainable CT will also be a matter for discussion. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Breslau and seconded by Commissioner Adamson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted



Leslie Campolongo