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'Virtual' Regular Meeting
Vernon Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7:30 AM
MEETING MINUTES

Shaun Gately
Economic Development Director

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was opened by Commissioner Breslau at 7:31 am. Commissioners in attendance: Coe, Kloter, Adamson, Sendrak and McGurk. Commissioner Kennedy entered the meeting at 7:47 am. Also in attendance was Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Leslie Campolongo, Project Coordinator.
- 2. Public Forum:** There was no one present for Public Forum.
- 3. Approval of Minutes March 9, 2021:** Commissioner Adamson motioned to approve minutes from March 9, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sendrak. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Economic Development Status Update:** Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the following projects
 - **Amerbelle Mill redevelopment** – Grant application to DECD was submitted on March 30, 2021.
 - **Former Golf Land** - Renovation is underway.
 - **274 Talcottville (Square Peg Pizza)** - plans have been approved and construction should begin shortly.
 - **Lucky Taco** - Buildout is underway.
 - **Outdoor Dining** - zoning amendment
 - **Suburban Subaru** - zone change
- 5. New Business:**
 - **Draft Future Land Use Summary & Maps** – Mr. George McGregor, Town Planner presented to the Commission, the drafted future land use maps. Discussion took place regarding road widths in specific traffic corridors, setbacks and gateways to Vernon. Also discussed were the areas at exit 66 and 67. The presentation concluded at 8:09 am.
- 6. Old Business:** Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the following topics.
 - **Local Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee** – Continues to meet weekly and launched the mobile “Getting Vax to Business” Campaign on April 1, 2021.
 - **Buy Local Campaign** – The EDC subcommittee working on the campaign has received an estimate from Keep in Touch to assist with the program and will be reviewing/discussing the plan./
 - **2022 POCD update**- Discussed above
 - **Sustainable CT** – The Town has hired, on a very limited basis, the same intern who assisted with the Sustainable CT certification and the Buy Local campaign.
- 7. Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses:**
 - Primitive Renditions- March 27, 2021
 - Pro-health Physicians – February 3, 2021.
- 8. Adjournment:** Commissioner Breslau motioned for adjournment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sendrak. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 am.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Leslie S. Campolongo, Project Coordinator