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Shaun Gately
Economic Development Director

'Virtual' Regular Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

Vernon Economic Development Commission

Tuesday, March 9th, 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 7:35 am. Also present on the call were Commissioners William Breslau, Jordan Coe, Jim Sendrak, Dan 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 Public Forum.
3. **Approval of Minutes** February 9, 2021 – Motion made by Commissioner Sendrak and seconded by Commissioner Breslau to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Economic Development Status Update:** Mr. Gately provided an update to the Commission on the following projects.
 - Amerbelle Mill redevelopment
 - Golf Land renovation
 - 274 Talcottville
 - Primitive Renditions
 - Lucky Taco
 - Outdoor dining - zoning amendment
 - Suburban Subaru - zone change
5. **New Business:**
 - **Sustainable CT** – Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the Town's pursuit of Sustainable CT re-certification. Discussion took place. The item will remain on EDC future agendas.
6. **Old Business:** Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the Town's COVID-19 Recovery efforts including information about the Town run vaccination clinics.

- **COVID Recovery** - Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the Town's COVID-19 Recovery efforts including information about the Town run vaccination clinics. Ms. Campolongo will send the Regional vaccination call center phone number to the Commission
- **Buy Local Campaign**- Mr. Gately thanked the Commissioners for the work they have contributed to the 'Buy Local' campaign efforts. Discussion took place. Mr. Gately will continue to work with the Commissioners and provided future updates.
- **2022 POCD update** - Mr. Gately updated the Commission on the status of the 2022 POCD work done by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion took place. Mr. Gately will update the Commission as areas of the POCD that relate to economic development are addressed and of future opportunities for comment and input.

7. Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses

- **Homesense** - opened on 2-11-21
- **Primitive Renditions** – Planned ribbon cutting on 3-27-21 at 11:00 am

8. Adjournment: Commissioner Breslau motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Adamson. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 am.

Respectfully Submitted



Leslie S. Campolongo