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Economic Development Director

Regular Meeting
Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 at 7:30 A.M.
Vernon Town Hall, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Public Forum:**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approve draft minutes from May 11, 2021
4. **Economic Development Status Update:**
 - Amerbelle Mill redevelopment
 - Golf Land renovation is underway. Potential phase 2 discussions
 - 274 Talcottville- Square Peg Pizza plans are approved, construction should begin soon.
 - Lucky Taco tentative opening in August.
 - Naek Rd.
 - Performing Arts
 - Way-finding signage
 - Vacancy's
5. **New Business:**
 - Sustainable CT
6. **Old Business:**
 - COVID Recovery
 - Buy Local Campaign-
 - 2022 POCD update- Continue discussion
7. **Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses:**
 - Vivo Chiropractic Ribbon Cutting- 5-17-21
8. **Adjournment:**



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'Virtual' Regular Meeting MINUTES

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ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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1. **Call to Order** - A virtual meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order by Commissioner Cohen at 8:35 am. Commissioners also in attendance: Breslau, Kloter, Coe, McGurk. Commissioner Sendrak entered the meeting at 7:40 am. Also in attendance was Economic Development Coordinator Shaun Gately, and Project Coordinator, Leslie Campolongo.
2. **Public Forum** – No one was present for the Public Forum.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the draft minutes from April 13, 2021 was made by Commissioner Breslau and seconded by Commissioner McGurk. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Economic Development Status Update** – Mr. Gately provided an update on the following projects.
 - **Amerbelle Mill redevelopment** – Awaiting news on Town's grant application submitted to DECD. Developer has taken ownership of former Anocoil property.
 - **Golf Land** - Renovation is underway. Construction supplies have been delayed. Hoping ice cream shack will open shortly.
 - **274 Talcottville- Square Peg Pizza** - Plans are approved, construction should begin soon.
 - **Lucky Taco** - Buildout is underway. Obtaining staff has been a challenge to the project.
 - **Naek Rd. Condo** - Proposal for 72-74 condominium units is in front of Inland Wetlands Commission.
 - **Development opportunities** – Mr. Gately discussed opportunities at exits 66 & 67 when sewer connection becomes available. Mr. Gately also mentioned the successful adaptation to outdoor dining as a result of revised and approved site plans by Fiesta Mexicana.
5. **New Business** – There were no items for new business.
6. **Old Business** - Mr. Gately provided an update to the Commission on the following topics:
 - **COVID Recovery** – Governor has lifted restrictions on business beginning May 1 and additional restrictions will be lifted beginning May 15, 2021. Continued mask wearing when social distancing is not possible.
 - **Buy Local Campaign** Mr. Gately thanked Commissioner Cohen for his assistance in building an online directory of businesses that can be approached to participate in the "Buy Local" campaign. A logo was also presented to the Commission. Mr. Gately will be speaking with the sub-committee and will keep the Commission apprised.

- **Sustainable CT** – The intern that assisted the Town with its last certification has rejoined the staff on a limited basis to assist in assigning and tracking Sustainable CT tasks to and from relevant departments.

7. Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses

- Vivo Chiropractic (520 Hartford Tpke) formerly located at 27 Hartford Turnpike will have its Ribbon Cutting on 5/17/2021 at 1:00 pm.

8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner McGurk, and seconded by Commissioner Coe. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 am.

Respectfully Submitted:



Leslie S. Campolongo
Project Coordinator

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