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'Virtual' Regular Meeting APPROVED MINUTES

Shaun Gately
Economic Development Director

Vernon Economic Development Commission
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:30 AM

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.

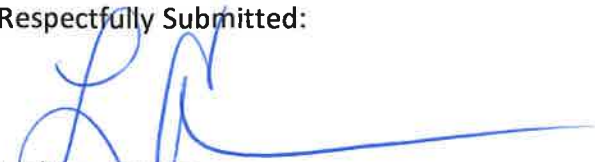
- **Sustainable CT** – The intern that assisted the Town with its last certification has rejoined the staff on a limited basis to assist in assigning and tracking Sustainable CT tasks to and from relevant departments.

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