

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting – Via Zoom # 971 6509 0811

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, June 08, 2021.

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Time: 8:30 a.m.

**Roll Call:** In-person: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Commission members: Ron Coderre, Tony Chabot, and Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre. Zoom Attendee: Commission Member Lee Konicki. Absent: Commission Member Dawn Krasnecky.

Chairman opened meeting at 8:33 a.m.

**1. Approval of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021\*:** Member Konicki motioned to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Member Chabot, motion passed.

**2. Report of Expenditures – May 2021:** Expenditures were reviewed.

**3. New Business:** None

**4. Old Business:**

**a) I-Park PowerPoint Presentation Update:** At the April meeting, it was suggested to add the square footage of each building. This along with other minor corrections have been made. The updated presentation will be presented at a future Board of Selectmen meeting. Conversation arose as to visits to businesses. It was suggestion any visits be announced ahead of time to the business/es and attend as a group. Director requested input from the Commission members as to whom and when.

**b) Beautification:** The Director is a member of the Putnam Business Association Beautification Committee. There have been several initiatives followed through to beautify Putnam. Currently, search is on for landscapers to address the South Main Street area near the Box Car. A suggestion was brought forth to consider bricks on crosswalks. It was also suggested to research the Wait, Walk and Wave program that was seen in Camden, Maine. Silhouettes of Box Car Children are being considered for painting on the side of the Box Car Museum.

The mayor passed around an updated blight list. Discussion ensued. Blight issues will be moving forward now that courts have reopened. He is looking into new lighting for the South Main Street parking area just beyond the railroad tracks. Member Coderre submitted a Norwich Bulletin article concerning blight.

**5. Updates: Ribbon Cuttings, Trails, Tourism, Putnam Guides and New Businesses:**

**Ribbon Cuttings:** Attorneys Steve Adams and Michele Palulis have requested a Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for their newly shared conference space at 156 Main Street. All are welcome.  
**Trails:** Putnam Trail Committee – Grants have been awarded to develop plans connecting Pomfret to Putnam and Putnam to Thompson.  
**Putnam Guides –** 6 boxes have been shipped to 6 CT Welcome Centers. Two new businesses submitted Trade Name Certificates.

**Public Participation:** None

**Adjournment\*:** Member Coderre motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Chabot, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre