

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Via Zoom # 813 0894 5784 and In-Person

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: In-person: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Commission members Dawn Krasnecky, Doug Taylor, Lee Konicki, Ron Coderre, and Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre. Zoom Attendee: None

Delia Fey left the meeting. Chairman opened meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Due to Technological difficulties, there was no connection available for Zoom access.

1.Approval of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes August 10, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021*: Member Krasnecky motioned to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021, as submitted, seconded by Chairman Grenier, motion passed. Member Krasnecky motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021, seconded by Chairman Grenier. Motion passed

2.Report of Expenditures – August 2021: Expenditures were reviewed.

3.New Business: Future Beautification Projects: The Director shared her recent conversation with the mayor on some areas of concerns in the Downtown area. One area identified is behind Jessica Tuesdays and the Crossings Restaurant, additional areas include the stairway behind the former Chickering’s building. Discussion ensued around future beautification areas.

4.Old Business:

a) Beautification: The Director chairs the Putnam Business Association Beautification committee. The current focus is on South Main Street area adjacent to the boxcar museum. Down to Earth Gardening and Landscape, a local company, will be starting with the new plantings within the next week or two.

b) ECD Strategic Plan Discussion: Discussion ensued. Several properties, to include ones that have been identified in the past on the blight list, were discussed. Consensus to draft a letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen sharing ECD board members concerns and need to

prioritize certain projects especially for dangerous circumstances. Member Konicki volunteered to draft the letter.

The Director requested each member to send ideas or concerns for the Cmsn to prioritize for upcoming projects within the ECD Strategic Plan and email them to her.

5. Updates: Property Sales/Business Updates:

Director read aloud the recent businesses in Putnam:

Saw Dust Coffee and Dessert Bar (recently purchased Victoria's Station)

Burger King, and Marley's Pub in Black Dog Restaurant, recently opened.

Certificates by Trade Name, as provided by Town Clerk's office were shared.

One comment was most of the businesses appear to be home-based.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment*: Member Konicki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre