

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting Via Zoom # 857 4652 3357

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Vice-Chair Lee Konicki; Commission Members: Ron Coderre, Doug Taylor and Dawn Krasnecky; Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre and Putnam Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback.
Absent:

Chairman opened meeting at 8:35 a.m.

1.Approval of Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes March 08, 2022*: Vice-Chairman Konicki motioned to approve the minutes of March 08, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Coderre, motion passed.

2.Report of Expenditures – March 2022: Expenditures were reviewed.

3.New Business: a) **Business Survey:** Director Very shared approximately 5 years ago a business survey was conducted, via Survey Monkey, on Downtown area businesses. The survey was to gain a sense of the business climate. A new survey is being considered. What kind of results do we need with a survey? Administrative Assistant volunteered to investigate UCONN survey services. Director to consult with other ECD Directors on business surveys.

4.Old Business: a) **Eastern CT Landbank Update:** Director reported the Board of Finance approved the expenditure of \$ 50,000 from the Economic Development Trust Fund. It was suggested that the Director, who is an Eastern CT Landbank board member, to report on how the Landbank's efforts are going.

b) **Down to Earth Design Presentation:** Project is on hold until a solid maintenance plan can be implemented, and the Town purchase the property.

c) **Strategic Plan-SWOT Analysis Comparison:** Director suggested completing the "Threats" portion of the analysis at the next meeting. Consensus agreed Director asked Assistant to place on the next agenda

d) **CT Community Challenge Grant Update:** Putnam was not awarded the two million CT Community Challenge Grant application. The funding would have supported Phase II of the Providence Street Streetscape plan. The application will be submitted in a future second round.

5.Updates:

Garden fence repairs are completed - Applications will soon be accepted for the 2022 season. Applications have been coming in for the Putnam Saturday Farmer's Market. Updates are continuously being made to the Putnam business database. Town Administrator, Land Use Agent, Town Attorney and ECD Director have been in discussions and working on procedures concerning cultivation and retail of Cannabis.

Public Participation: Tony Chabot, Putnam resident was attending via Zoom. Mr. Chabot did not have any comments or questions.

Adjournment*: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. via motion by member Konicki

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre

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