

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Via Zoom # 850 0614 7572

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Vice-Chair Lee Konicki

Chairman opened meeting at 9:13 a.m.

1.Approval of Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes May 10, 2022 and Special Meeting May 20, 2022*: Member Coderre motioned to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed. Member Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of May 20, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Coderre, motion passed.

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

3.New Business: a) **Housing-Alternative options:** This item was discussed in the Putnam Redevelopment Agency. She reported there is an important Putnam Zoning Board meeting scheduled for July 20, 2022 at 7pm, here at the Complex. Ann Marie, Planning Director of Town of Killingly, will be presenting Housing Alternative options. Everyone is welcome to attend.

4.Old Business: a) **Sever Pharmaceuticals:** Director Very and Mayor Seney recently met with Kenneth Stockholm, C.E.O. of Sever Pharmaceuticals. Mr. Stockholm shared plans for renovations to the existing building they purchased Foster Science Delivery-36 Ridge Rd and plans to build a new building behind the existing. Advanced CT has been contacted.

b) **Putnam Trails Hosting Public Meeting:** Director reported the public meeting held was successful. 30 were in attendance to view the presentation by Weston and Sampson for the Airline Trail connection between Putnam and Thompson. Four volunteers were gained that evening. Next steps State of CT Department of Transportation to assist in discussions with the railroad.

c) **Cannabis:** Tyche Planning and Policy Group are assisting with writing regulations for retail and growing of cannabis. A presentation of these regulations will go to Board of Selectmen, Planning and Zoning sometime in July/August.

d) **CT Community Challenge Grant Update:** The grant process will be considered for Round # 2.

5.Updates:

CT Main Street Tour: Director recently provided a tour to Carl Rosa, Field Director with CT Main Street. Mr. Rosa connected the Director with a person specializing in breweries. An interest contacted the Director for 114-120 Main Street location. Director recently attended a CT Main Street Connect event via Zoom – topics such as challenges of empty store fronts, trying to get retailers to stay open later were discussed.

Ribbon Cuttings: 12 Dimension 3rd Floor of 112 Main St Bldg. They are a holistic health studio. Owner wishes to schedule during a busy event like an upcoming First Friday's event. Invitations will be emailed with details. **New Businesses:** Main Street Gelato The shop plans to move into the former Sadie's Sweet Shoppe candy store. They will be hosting a ribbon cutting shortly after they open. The Martin Luther King (MLK) mural reveal event is June 20th at 11:30 am at the Y.M.C.A., Technology Drive. A Small Business Revolving Loan application has been received. Member Taylor requested reminders be sent for Ribbon Cuttings. Administrative Assistant said typically Ribbon Cutting invites are emailed to ECD, Board of Selectmen and provided to local media. She will ensure that they are sent.

Member Taylor, also a member of the Zoning Board, shared some topics the Zoning Board is currently addressing.

As mentioned in the Redevelopment meeting, the Director reiterated that the next meetings will be Special Meetings. Anything you wish to address send an email in a timely manner to the Chairman and herself.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment*: Member Taylor motioned to adjourn, seconded by member Krasnecky. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre

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