

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting Via Zoom # 823 0113 7614

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, August 09, 2022.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Mayor Norman “Barney” Seney, Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback, Commission members Dawn Krasnecky, Lee Konicki, Ron Coderre, and Doug Taylor; and Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre.

Chairman opened meeting at 9:02 a.m.

The Director requested the addition of agenda item # 2a to Cancel PRA Regular Meetings of September and October and Reschedule to Special Meetings. Member Konicki motioned to add agenda item # 2a for the purpose of rescheduling September and October Regularly scheduled meetings to Special meetings, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

1.Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022*: Member Konicki motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

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

a. Cancel PRA Regular Meetings of September and October 2022: Having had the discussion on this matter previously in the Agency meeting, Member Konicki made motion to approve to cancel the regular meetings of September and October to reschedule to September 6 and October 18, 2022, seconded by Member Coderre motion passed.

3.New Business: **a) Community Challenge Grant – Round 2:** An application is planned for submittal for Round 2. The grant would support funding for a Commercial Façade Program and Streetscape on Providence Street. If Town is awarded the Community Investment Fund Grant 2030, then the Community Challenge Grant cannot be applied for.

b) L.L. Bean: The L.L. Bean marketing team has reached out and plans to bring the mobile pop-up shopping to Putnam as they did last season. They would set up in the Kennedy Drive Municipal Parking lot. It is anticipated for them to come the weekend of November 26 and 27, 2022. L.L. Bean corporate needs to approve.

4.Old Business: **a) Cannabis:** As mentioned in Agency Meeting, the public meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2022.

b) 48 Industrial Park Rd: The business located at this address is leasing the Town’s remaining Incubator Building. The five-year lease is scheduled to end September 30, 2022. Director provided all the pertinent information ie. current lease, terms, size of building, current market dollar amount per square feet for Industrial/Commercial space etc. Discussion ensued. Member Coderre motioned to extend the lease agreement for 3 years, with a monthly increase of

5% plus \$200. (half of monthly property taxes), seconded by Member Krasnecky motion passed.

- c) **Lot 23 – Key Capture Lease:** Director explained the company is leasing with option to purchase Lot 23. The current lease is scheduled to end August 29, 2022. A clause within the current lease provides for an extension of 2 years at \$ 10,000 each year. Upon discussion, Member Konicki motioned to approve the lease extension, based on recommendation from Town Counsel, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion carried.

5. Updates:

Business openings: Former Chickering's building in Union Square is being leased to create a space for entertainment, dancing, food utilizing the shared plates concept and alcohol will be served, slated for a fall opening. Ribbon Cuttings: Main Street Gelato ribbon cutting was held Friday, August 5th. Work is being done on Sustainable CT working toward bronze certification. Congressmen Courtney will visit Putnam on Monday, August 15th for a Downtown walking tour, then onto the Municipal Complex to attend an Arts and Cultural Roundtable.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment*: Member Taylor motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Konicki, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre

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