



TOWN OF VERNON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Economic Development Director

Regular Meeting

Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at 7:30 A.M.

Vernon Town Hall, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place - Vernon

APPROVED MINUTES

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1. Call to Order:

Commissioner Jeffrey Cohen opened the meeting at 7:35 am. Also present were Commissioner McGuck, Commissioner Kloter, Commissioner Sendrak and Commissioner Breslau. Also present were Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Leslie Campolongo, Project Coordinator.

2. Public Forum: There was no one present for Public Forum.

Commissioner Kennedy entered the meeting at 7:37 am

3. Approval of Minutes: Approve draft minutes from July 13, 2021

Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Sendrak and seconded by Commissioner Breslau. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Coe entered the meeting at 7:42 am.

4. Economic Development Status Update: Mr. Gately provided an update on the following projects.

- **Amerbelle Mill redevelopment** - DECD grant received. Town making application for EPA Clean up funding.
- **Golf Land renovation** - is underway. Maintenance building is now up which permits ice cream shop to be open.
- **274 Talcottville (Salon)**- construction is on hold.
- **Square Peg Pizza** - construction has been slowed but is moving forward
- **Lucky Taco** - renovations are complete. Should be opening soon.
- **Wine Cellar** - renovations are moving quickly and will contain two units.
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** -Will be opening in Shepard's Plumbing building.
- **Naek Rd.** - has passed Inland Wetlands Commission. Waiting for approval for condo development.
- **Performing Arts District** - Mr. Gately outlined requirements for establishing an Arts district in the Town and the role it could play in economic sustainability. Discussion took place. Mr. Gately will keep the Commission apprised of discussions.
- **Grants** - Flood Mitigation, Transportation, EPA - Departments are completing applications for grants that will benefit economic development directly and indirectly; including addressing flooding issues in the Talcottville flats area, connectivity of sidewalks and brownfield redevelopment.

- **43 South Frontage** - Under consideration for commercial/light industrial usage.
- **Self-Storage** -Facility for 90,000 sq. ft is in progress.

5. New Business:

6. Old Business:

- Sustainable CT - Vernon's "Buy Local" ads are running on Social Media

7. Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings/New Businesses:

- French Club- Planned for 12-11-21
- Studio 467- Celebrated on 11-6-21. Event was well attended.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Cohen motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Breslau. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted:



Leslie S. Campolongo
Project Coordinator