

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Via Zoom # 820 6870 5725

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

1.Roll Call: Director Delpha Very, Director in training Carly DeLuca, Chairman Paul Grenier, Vice Chairman Lee Konicki, Commission Members: Doug Taylor. Ron Coderre arrived 8:25 am, Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre and Putnam Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback.
Absent: Commission Member Dawn Krasnecky

Chairman opened meeting at 8:18 a.m.

2.Approval of Special Meeting Minutes November 02, 2022*: Vice Chairman Konicki motioned to approve the Special meeting minutes of November 02, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Taylor, motion passed.

3.Report of Expenditures – November 2022: Expenditures were reviewed.

4.New Business: a) **Efficiency Apartment Conversation:** A developer, with a good track record on efficiency apartment development in Massachusetts and New York has expressed interest in creating efficiency dormitory/boardings house type apartments in the former St. Mary's School and Rectory buildings on Marshall Street. His pursuit ran into a snag with Zoning regulations creating a cost effectiveness issue for the project. Discussion ensued. Action item: identify and review efficiency/dormitory/boardings house type apartments in Zoning Regulations. Attend a Zoning Board Commission meeting to start conversation and bring recommendation/suggestions for potential zone change. Director suggested holding a Zoning/ECD meeting together.

5.Old Business: a) **Community Investment Fund – Prov. Street:** Projects submitted previously to the Community Investment Fund related better to the Community Challenge Grant round 2. Resubmittal to C.I.F will now include the Providence Street Streetscape, which was the original project of the Community Challenge Grant round 2. Commercial Façade program may be sought through other funding.

b) **ECD – Strategic Plan:** Director Deluca spoke to this agenda item. She has created a strategic planning document based on the matrix put together with assistance from CT Economic Resource Center, now known as Advanced CT. The document will be forwarded to the members prior to the January meeting for their questions/input. A revised document will be included in the January 2023 meeting for discussion.

6.Updates:

L.L. Bean: Pop up shop will be open in Putnam on December 20, 2022, from 12 noon to 7pm;

Ribbon Cutting: Smoke & Mirrors Beauty Loft, Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5pm,
3rd floor of the Montgomery Ward building.

All are welcome to attend. Director reminded the members next month is election of officer's month.

Land Use Agent Fitzback reported the Town Administrator and Carly DeLuca are pursuing a Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (D.E.E.P) Climate Resilience Grant for 1.2 million to assist the Trails Committee make the connection from the Putnam Airline Trail to Thompson Airline Trail.

7.Public Participation: None

8. Executive Session: Real Estate Acquisition* - Director announced the agenda item is on hold.

8.Adjournment*: Vice Chairman Konicki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Taylor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre

At 8:29 am Lost connection to Zoom, restarted again

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