

Town of Putnam	
Economic & Community Development Commission	
Conference Room #201	
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 8:00 AM	
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86993210390?pwd=CA6Zf7JuWRn8XYxDUtu5dgPmRvKI8a.1 Meeting ID: 869 9321 0390 Passcode: qhJm1F	
	Meeting opened at 8:33 am
1. Roll Call	Chair Paul Grenier, New PRA Director Mary Ann Chinatti, Consultant Delpha Very, Vice-Chair Lee Konicki, Agency members: Dawn Krasnecky, Doug Taylor, and Mike Bogdanski. Recording Secretary Jackie Lefevre and Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback Addition to the agenda: Chair Grenier stated there is need for an addition to the agenda, under New Business "Tree Plantings". Vice-Chair Konicki motioned to add #5 Tree Plantings to the agenda under New Business, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes*	
	i. November 14th: Member Taylor motioned to amend the minutes to include the addition of Mike Bogdanski as present on roll call at the November 14, 2023, meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair Konicki, motion passed. ii. December 12th: Member Krasnecky motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Vice-Chair Konicki, motion passed.
3. Reporting of Expenditures	Expenditures: None for December 2023
4. New Business	
	i. Introduction of new Director: Delpha introduced Mary Ann Chinatti and added Ms. Chinatti has expertise in Brownfield Grants and Planning and Zoning. ii. Election of Officers*: Vice-Chair Konicki motioned the officers to be same, as nominated and voted on in Redevelopment Agency meeting, Lee Konicki as Chair and Dawn Krasnecky as Vice-Chair, Member Krasnecky seconded, motion passed. iii. Restaurant Referral: two local area restaurants are pursuing locations in Putnam. Delpha explained due to confidentiality, names can't be shared at this point. Updates to be provided as they become available.

	iv. 32 & 44 Highland Dr.: These parcels are located within the Industrial Park. It was recently discovered back taxes were owed on the parcels. The owner was contacted and claimed he wasn't aware of the back taxes. Updates to be provided. v. Tree Plantings: A parcel of land, located on Rte. 44, on the right side toward Walmart is owned by the Town. A tree died and never replaced. There is uncertainty as to the official name and if the parcel is under the auspices of the Recreation Dept./Highway Dept. Land Use Agent Fitzback, Town Administrator, and Member Bogdanski all provided knowledge on the parcel. Knowledge such as it was dedicated to President George Washington and the Daughters of the American Revolution were directly involved with original plaque and dedication. Recreation Dept. mows the grass. Consensus is to research and confirm the information, find funding and return with costs and types of trees adequate for the size parcel, and to discuss the potential of holding a rededication.
5. Old Business	
	i. 49 Front St.: Town Administrator Sistare shared the owner of parcel has agreed to donate the land to the Town. Town Attorney and parcel owner's attorney are working to complete the agreement. Potentially there will be closing costs involved even though the parcel is being donated. ii. Trails Committee Reporting: The meeting of January 11, 2024 has been cancelled due to nothing to report. At it's November 2023 meeting the Committee voted to have quarterly meetings in 2024, unless there was an immediate report/update that was to be addressed, then a Special meeting would be called prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 5pm in Community Room # 113. All invited to attend.
6. Updates	
	i. L.L. Bean: the pop-up shopping event, held Tuesday, December 19th, was a success! This is the 3rd event held in Putnam. ii. Arts Council: an Art Heist event will be held on March 9th, at 112 Main Street, Putnam. Tickets will be available. Come out and support the local Arts Council.
	iii. Available Commercial Properties: list provided and reviewed.
	iv. Trade Name Certificates: listing of businesses who recorded their trade names with Town Clerk's office in December 2023 were reviewed.

7. Public Participation	None
8. Adjournment*	Vice-Chair Konicki motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Taylor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 am

*Vote Required