

**TOWN OF PUTNAM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

The Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission met for a Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in Conference Room - 201, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT 06260, or

Via Zoom

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The Chair opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

1.Roll Call: ECD Director Mary Ann Chinatti, Commission Members Doug Taylor, Mike Bogdanski, and Paul Grenier; ECD Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre, Director of Land Use, Zoning Officer Bruce Fitzback and Blight Officer Russell Downer.
Absent: Chair Lee Konicki, Vice-Chair Dawn Krasnecky.

Chair Konicki, via email, appointed Member Grenier to act as Chair in his absence.

2.Approval of Meeting Minutes - * April 09, & Special Meeting -April 18, 2024*:

Member Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024, seconded by Member Bogdanski, motion carried. Member Bogdanski motioned to approve the Special meeting minutes of April 18th, 2024, seconded by Member Taylor, motion carried.

3. Reporting of Expenditures: Expenditures were reviewed.

4. New Business: None

5. Old Business:

I. Bylaws-Discussion & Possible Action*: Draft Bylaws were included in the packet. The Bylaws contained revisions/suggestions made previously. Member Bogdanski motioned to accept the EDC Bylaws as presented, seconded by Member Taylor, motion carried.

6. Updates:

I. 49 Front Street: The property owner notified the Town that the bank decided that an appraisal (of the remaining land of 91 Main and 49 Front) was not needed, and the attorney is preparing closing documents, which should be ready within the next couple of weeks. Director meeting with Engineer Chuck Eaton to review the current conceptual drawing of the space, go over stormwater drainage, etc. required to create an open green space area.

II. Available Commercial Properties: Current List was reviewed. The slide show of featured available commercial properties has been added to the Town's website as a tool for perspective businesses. It will be updated monthly.

III. Trade Name Certificates: None

7. Other: Director provided the following updates:

Belding Mill Grant Meeting with Developer on May 23rd

Foundry RFP is due May 20th, a mandatory on-site pre-submission conference was held on May 6th, well attended by 6 firms. Only those will be eligible to submit.

The opening day of Community Garden was Saturday, May 6th. Good turnout, new gardeners, Brownies made painted stone markers for each garden.

Putnam Arts Council – Arts and Crafts Festival – 66 Artists have been confirmed. Pending necessary documentation from some.

CT Main Street: Annual Downtown Assessment completed. Numbers better this year. A copy of the assessment will be emailed to all members.

Community Investment Fund 2030; working on grant for new EMS Facility, with storage space for Emergency Management

Transportation Alternatives Grant extend Putnam trail from Technology Park Drive into Louisa Viens Road, Killingly, CT.

Recreational Trails Grant proposals due June 6th.

Ribbon Cuttings:

Co-Op Consignments, 626 School St. May 24, @ 12 noon.

Rude Dog Boxing 235 Kennedy Dr. (former Hallmark Store) June 1st, 12noon

Flawless Finish Beauty Bar, 7 Providence Pike Unit # 2, June 13, 5:30pm

8. Public Participation: None

9. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Member Bogdanski, Seconded by Member Taylor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Jackie Lefevre

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JENNIFER L. BOGDANSKI
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