

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
June 28, 2021**

Minutes

A meeting of the East Granby Economic Development Commission was held via Zoom on June 28, 2021. Members present when Chairman Paul Oliva called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. were Oliver Davis, Paul Thulen, Tom Lally, Kerry Flarherty, and Leslie Marques. Member David Iannucci, Chick Bistany and Todd Zessin were absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Thulen, seconded by Oliver Davis, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021. Votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC AND/OR APPLICANT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- EDC Minutes for May 24, 2021
- EDC Report for June 2021
- Economic Development Incentive Presentation
- Commerce Park Transitional Zone B Regulation Change and Map

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Chairman Paul Oliva presented the June EDC Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. BDL Update: Nothing to Report

B. Chamber Update: Leslie Marques gave brief update on the Chamber and reminded golfers of upcoming golf tournament.

C. Brokers and Realtors: Sandra Johnson updated commission on conversation with owners of 2 Gateway Blvd. They discussed potential for building to be utilized for medical offices.

D. Business Visitation and Retention: Sandra Johnson reminded commission members to stay in touch with their local business to see how they are doing and if there is anything we can do for them.

E. Manufacturing Ad-Hoc Committee: Tabled.

F. Marketing Articles: Chairman Paul Oliva reminded commission next Let's Talk Turkey article are due by August 2nd for August 14th delivery.

G. Incentives and Regulation Changes:

Adam Tkaczuk gave update to commission about economic development incentive package he is working on for the Board of Selectmen. Adam Tkaczuk presented an as of right tiered abatement program that is based off of amount of capital investment for additions and new commercial construction. Adam Tkaczuk also presented a vacancy abatement program to provide incentive for our existing structures to be leased. Vacancy abatement is of 1 year and 3 year vacancy and the space needs to be 15k sq feet to qualify. Adam Tkaczuk explained next steps were to present to the Board of Selectmen and potentially the Board of Finance prior to adoption.

H. Business Attraction: No update.

I. Village Center Concept Plan/Merchant Group: Paul Thulen gave brief update on recent approval by Board of Selectmen for the Village Center Plan. Hoping to do RFP for design services in Fall of 2021.

J. PPP Loan Update: Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Thulen and seconded by Leslie Marques at 6:55PM. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Haynes
Director of Community Development