

Town of East Hampton
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Matthew Reich, Ted Turner, Walt Jedziniak, Jase Doane, Jordan Higgins, and Marlene Geary.

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Reich called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021:** *A motion was made by Mr. Jedziniak, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve of the November 16th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Comment: None

Welcome New Members: New members Jordan Higgins and Marlene Geary were welcomed to the commission. The members introduced themselves and got backgrounds for the two new members.

Old Business

- a. **Creation of Online Submission Form for Business of the Month and New Business Recognition:** The form is complete and posted on the town website under the commission's page. An email was sent to the members on where to find it and a copy of the form to review. To be nominated a business needs to be local and would have to be in business for a year or more. There is a link to the form on the town website. The form can be filled out and printed to be mailed in. It was suggested to add bullet points for the criteria listed on the web page. *A motion was made by Mr. Doane, seconded by Ms. Geary, to approve of the final draft of the nomination form. Voted 6-0 in favor.*
- b. **Update on Bells on the Bridge Project:** There was no feedback from local businesses on how to better market the bells on the bridge event. The next step for the event would be a promotional campaign. The members discussed taking the next couple of months to plan and investigate other promotional options for the event. The relaunch would be in the spring when the weather is warmer, possibly in April. It was suggested to partner the bells on the bridge with the Village Center spring events along with Old Homes Day. The bells on the bridge event could create an opportunity to 'wish good luck' with the bells. An example would be the students graduating from high school. The members suggested

Project Graduation would may be interested in buying the bells for celebrating graduation.

c. New Business Update/New Businesses with Planning & Zoning Approval/

Review of P&Z Minutes: The members reviewed the minutes and motions from the last Planning and Zoning meeting. There are two big projects in town to note. The Sports on 66 building will be converted into a self-storage building with two floors. The other projects is the gas station on the corner of Route 66 and Main Street for a re-zone of the area. The home occupation regulations will be reviewed and moved ahead to be approved in the next couple of months. The regulations for accessory buildings are being reviewed as well. Robert's Lakehouse is permanently closed but there are some interested parties in the restaurant from other owners. The Lucky Goat is planned to become an Italian deli style restaurant in the next couple months. The Belltown Tavern property is being rethought and re-invented for different options for the location for a lasting business.

New Business: Mr. Turner suggested that the O'Neill's building should be a historic building.

Correspondence: None

Town Manager's Report: The RFP for the redevelopment of the 13 Summit, 1 & 13 Watrous properties were sent out by the town. There were no proposals for the properties sent to the Town Hall. The town has reached out to a couple of interested parties about the properties. The town needs to decide if the RFP should be sent out a second time. The Town Council approved an engineering contract to get water to town in the Village Center and to serve the adjacent residents and moving further north for those businesses.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Doane, seconded by Mr. Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk