

Town of East Hampton
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room #201 and Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Matthew Reich, Walt Jedziniak, Ted Turner, Jase Doane (joined at 7:25 P.M.), Jordan Higgins, and Marlene Geary.

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Reich called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to add update on home business regulations to New Business of the agenda. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Regular Meeting of February 15th, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to approve of the February 15th, 2022 regular meeting minutes with one change to strike the sentence about the link for entrepreneur week on town website under New Business (b). Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Public Comment: None

Presentations: None

New Business:

- a. **Review/Scoring/Report of Findings for Business Incentive Program Application for Global 66, LLC at 265 West High Street:** *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to have an open meeting to discuss the application for Global 66. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Wayne Rand was present at the meeting to answer questions and present any aspect of the project the members need clarifying and understanding. The main employees from other sites will be brought over initially while the hiring process is happening. There will be 3-4 new part-time employees hired and one full-time employee from a closed location brought to work at the new location. There will be \$1.5 million put into the building for renovations and remodeling into the storage units. The renovations should be finished in 2 months. The building needs to be unoccupied for 12 months or more to be considered blighted building. It was officially unoccupied for almost 6 months. The time stopped when Mr. Wayne bought the building. One floor was lowered and added reinforcements to make a second floor. There was concrete added to the second floor so cars and other heavy items can be stored on second floor. There were two assessments made by town, one with the second floor listed and one with no second floor listed. The plan is to leave the second floor empty for now and wait for the first floor to fill up. Once all units on the first floor are taken, then the units will be built on the second

floor. Or the second floor could only be used for car, boat, and other large item storage. In the lease for the units, there is a clause stating there will be no hazardous materials stored. During the discussion the members scored each section of the application. The score the members decided on counted up to 47 points. The report will be submitted to the Town Council within 30 days for their approval or rejection. *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to close the open meeting for the application for Global 66. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

- b. 2022/2023 Town Budget Process:** The budget has been submitted to the Board of Finance. There will be public hearings and workshops with departments, groups, and commissions/ boards to finalize the budget.

Old Business:

- a. Update on Bells on the Bridge Project:** Mr. Doane is looking for any members interested in joining the sub-committee. The sub-committee needs to brain storm ideas for the Bells on the Bridge event. The members plan to meet in the next couple of weeks and bring possible ideas to the next meeting.
- b. Development of Project Tracker:** The completed tracker was emailed to the members to review. It was suggested to add a 'date added' column to track the dates and time frame of the projects. Another suggestion was to add 'administration' as a fourth type.
- c. Update on Sewer Smell Issue in Village Center:** There were no updates from the businesses. The town staff have been visiting businesses when experiencing the smell to gain more information on the issue. The investigation is still on-going.
- d. New Business Update/New Businesses with Planning & Zoning Approval/ Review of P&Z Minutes:** The members reviewed the minutes and motions from the Planning & Zoning meeting. The gas station on Route 16 and Main Street has gone to the Board of Appeals. The former Town Hall is moving forward to renovate the building. Approvals are needed for changes to the site plan. The out building is being taken down and redevelop the area.
- e. Homebased Business Regulations:** There was a hearing held for the new regulations 2 weeks prior.

Correspondence:

- a. Board of Finance – New Liaison:** A new liaison has been assigned to the commission. Mr. Turner will be the new Board of Finance liaison for the Economic Development Commission.

Town Manager's Report: There were no updates given.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata
Recording Clerk