

Town of East Hampton
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room and Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Matthew Reich, Walt Jedziniak, Ted Turner, Jase Doane, Jordan Higgins, and Marlene Geary with Town Manager David Cox.

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Reich called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Jedziniak, to approve of the March 15th, 2022 regular meeting minutes with the change to item a under New Business to change the number of new employees from 3-4 to only 2. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Comment: None

Nomination & Election of Vice Chairperson: *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to nominate Mr. Doane as Vice Chairman. The definition of the Vice Chairman is at its core, the role of vice chairperson or 'vice chair' of the economic development commission is to stand-in for the commission chair when they are unable to lead a meeting, help move forward the commission's actions and discussions, and be a resource for feedback and assist other commission members with next steps on ideas. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Old Business

- a. **Review/Scoring/Report of Findings for Business Incentive Program Application for Global 66, LLC at 265 West High Street:** The members re-evaluated the retail section of the Business Incentive Program for Global on 66. There was newly acquired information about the business that had the commission members review the retail aspect of the applicant. The business is stated as the rental of tangible property. The IRS classifies storage unit buildings as a service business. The storage fees are not considered as retail. It was mentioned that there would be boxes, tape, locks, and more on sale. This would account for 35% of the revenue of the business. This wouldn't qualify the business as retail under the Sales and Use Tax classification and retail standards. The commission members discussed needing guidance with the scoring of the applications. It was suggested to us the application and scoring process for Global 66 for guidance and as a template for future applications to be scored. The members expressed their concern if the application would set a precedent or could be used against the scoring for other businesses applying for the program. It was suggested that the members could change

their scoring from 5 points down to 2 points for the Global 66 application under the retail section. The Town Council report on the scoring of the application needs to be finished. Once the commission members vote to approve the final draft the report would be submitted to the Town Council. *A motion was made by Mr. Doane, seconded by Mr. Turner, to accept the scoring from the March regular meeting of 47 points as is with the caveat that the members have a better design of the scoring and use of the applications as a template moving forward. Voted 5-1 with Mr. Jedziniak against.*

- b. Update on Bells on the Bridge Project:** Mr. Doane and Ms. Geary plan to meet in the beginning of May for the event.
- c. New Business Update/New Businesses with Planning & Zoning Approval/ Review of P&Z Minutes:** St. Clements is finalizing the work on their property. The old Town Hall is being renovated by Mr. Rand into usable office spaces and multi-business spaces. Angelico's new owner is opening a new business in the next couple of days. The proprietor of the Galston House is the new owner of the business at the old Angelico's. There was site work for the building where the Portland Veterinary Hospital plans to relocate.

New Business

- a. New Business Spotlight Nomination(s):** The sandwich sign will go to the Deli for them to display outside their business. The members need to get a picture with the owner and an article into the next issue of the Rivereast. It was suggested to post it on the Facebook commission page. The members also discussed how to reinvigorate nominating businesses by the community. *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to nominate D'Elia Public Market and Deli for new business. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Correspondence: None

Town Manager's Report: The Board of Appeals is in the process of considering options for the gas station on Route 16 and Main Street. The budget will go to the Town Council on the 26th and the town referendum will possibly be on May 17th.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Geary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk