

**Town of East Hampton**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6:30 P.M.

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM #102 AND VIA ZOOM  
MINUTES

**Present:** Chairperson Marlene Geary, Vice Chairman Walt Jedziniak, Sean Flynn, and Ted Turner (arrived at 7:08 P.M.).

**Absent:** Jordan Higgins

**Call to Order:** Chairman Geary called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. There wasn't a quorum for the meeting until Mr. Turner arrived at 7:08 P.M. No action was taken until he arrived.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The members didn't make any changes to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were tabled for next month's meeting.

**Public Comment:** Tory Man from the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency joined the meeting to give the commission members an update on the agency. The Brownfields members applied for an EPA grant to complete work on several brownfields properties in town. The members should hear about the grant results in mid-April. The grant would be for \$5,000 if awarded to the agency. In the meantime, the members are in the process of applying for a CT grant to investigate some of the properties in town. The grant would be up to \$200,000 if awarded to the agency. The Brownfields monthly meeting will be held on Monday. During the upcoming meeting, the members will discuss and plan which properties will be under the grant. The members will start with 1 Watrous and see how much money was used and how much money is left to use on other properties. There are some interested potential developers for the properties. The commission needs next steps to be able to get a remediation grant to further the properties in town. An assessment grant could be used to assess the structural integrity of the buildings on the Brownfields properties. The future plans for the properties would be to have them more accessible and useable for people and businesses in the town and Village Center. The members would need a plan of what should be fixed or renovated on each property. The commission members and Ms. Man discussed the town's efforts in getting a more adequate water supply to the town and into the Village Center. This would help to service and build up the Brownfields properties and buildings in the Village Center. It was suggested to get other commissions together to help better support the water plan.

**Town Manager's Report:** None

**Continuing Business**

- a. **Review Status of Action Items on EDC Project Planner:** This topic was tabled for next month's meeting.
- b. **New Business of the Month Process and Nominations:** The members discussed using the previous process for nominating businesses for New Business of the Month and

Business Spotlight. The members would choose which businesses would be nominated for each month. Then the members would take a picture with the business owner for an article that would go into the Rivereast and the Events magazine. Also, the banner and sandwich board would go to each business for the month they were nominated for. The members need to figure out when to take pictures with Belltown Recycling and Ulti-Mutt and draft a write up to submit to the Rivereast and Events magazine. It was also suggested to have Cathy make the certificates for the businesses for April.

- c. **Business Spotlight Process and Nominations:** *A motion was made by Mr. Jedziniak, seconded by Mr. Flynn, to nominate Pinshack Arcade for New Business of the Month and Serra & Associates for Business Spotlight for April instead of March. Voted 4-0 in favor.*
- d. **Business Incentive Ordinance Review:** This topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** The members discussed hearing news about Willow closing and moving to a different location.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. Jedziniak, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk