



**Town of Beacon Falls
Economic Development Commission
10 Maple Avenue
Beacon Falls, CT 06403**

**Economic Development Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2022
(Subject to Revision)**

1. Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:

Jack Betkoski, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Jack Betkoski (**JB**), David Pokras (**DAP**), Edward Mulvihill (**EM**), Ed Korzon (**EK**), Dennis Phipps (**DP**)

Members Absent: Brian DeGeorge (**BD**), Jeremy Rodorigo (**JR**)

Others Present: Joann Delenick (**JD**) and Michael Krenesky (**MK**).

2. Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:

Motion made to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2022, meeting **DAP/EM**, all ayes.

3. Comments from the Public:

-**JD**, Bethany Road - presented plans for a more design driven project on the main street landscaping project.

-**MK**, Maple Ave- The entire corner of Rimmon Hill has been purchased. The closing should be happening shortly. School House will be staying where it is potentially. **EK** mentioned wanting to move it. Discussion followed on the obstacles to that.

4. Correspondence:

Zoom call with Rebecca Mead regarding the Beacon Biz website. They are planning on moving along with the project. First Selectman Smith needs to sign off on some of the content. There will be a checklist built that will be sent to **JB** on what needs to be accomplished.

5. Old Business:

a. **Main Street:** Beacon falls pizza Palace will be reopening soon. With the original owners.

b. **Bank:** The bank has had a few interested parties, no official offers. **DAP** - reuse of banks is very difficult.

c. **Beacon Falls Market Space:** There are a lot of issues with what is put there because of the apartments above the market. There are too many codes to consider when changing the use of the building.

d. **Other Updates:**

MK discussed visit from Governor Ned Lamont. Gov. Lamont had private lunch with First Selectman, Smith. South Main Street redesign was vaguely discussed.

JB Discussion on Data Center

e. **EDC Goals for 2022-2023:** **JB** would like to host an event in June or July. Would have Tom Hyde as guest speaker. Include all businesses. Possibly at Beacon Hose. **JB** requested aid in executing event plan from clerk.



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6. New Business:

- a. Rich Minnick will be starting the Land Use Committee in a less formal way. There is an ordinance regarding this committee. It really falls to Planning and Zoning. Motion made to appoint **EM** and **EK** to the Land Use Committee by **EK**, Seconded by **DP**. All ayes.
- b. **JB** discussion on business update on Station Glow. It is in the process of being cleaned up. And being sold or already sold.
- c. Dunkin Donuts hours: Discussion on hours. Closes at 6.
- d. **MK** posed question on EV. Is it to the towns advantage? Discussion followed.
- e. Motion to accept the report given by JD and add it to the record by **DP**, seconded by **EM**. All ayes

7. Grant News /Update/EDC Coordinator Update:

Waiting to hear back regarding the grant. Should be around \$825,000.00 roughly. The town may put funds towards it.

8. Payment of Bills:

None

9. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:44 PM. **EM/DP**, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Fennell
Clerk, EDC