

Town of Beacon Falls Economic Development Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022 C/O Town Clerk 10 Maple Avenue Beacon Falls, CT 06403 (Subject to Revision)

Members Present: J. Betkoski (JB), D. Pokras (DAP), E. Mulvihill (EM), E. Korzon, (EK), Dennis Phipps (DP), J. Rodorigo (JR)

Members Absent: Brian DeGeorge (BD)

Others Present: 1 member of the public, First Selectman, Smith (GS), and Selectman, Krenesky (MK)

1. <u>Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:</u>

JB called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. <u>Read and Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings:</u>

Motion made to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022, meeting by DAP/EM, all ayes.

3. <u>Comments from the Public:</u>

- a. **MK** Gave update on the Rimmon School House property. At this time the property owner is working with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inlands Wetlands Commission.
- b. **GS** Gave updates on the current economic development projects in the town.
- i. The town is pursuing the Connectivity Grant. If awarded to the town, the funds will be used to update Main Street. Discussion followed.
- ii. The town is pursuing the STEEP grant. If awarded to the town, the funds will be used to update the sidewalks connecting Church Street through Maple. Brining a complete sidewalk route for "downtown".
- iii. Haynes Project Seymour is pursuing a grant that will fund the project.
- iv. O&G Data Center Is currently marketing, to find a partner. They are working with the DECD.
- v. EV Station The town is pursuing a grant that will allow for the updating of the current EV station.

4. <u>Correspondence:</u>

Email received from EDC member **BD**, stating that he is stepping down from the board.

5. Old Business:

- a. <u>Main Street:</u> Beacon falls pizza Palace has opened. There are potential plans to open an ice cream parlor on the second floor.
- b. **<u>Bank</u>**: The bank has had a few interested parties, no official offers.
- c. Beacon Falls Market Space: There is no update
- d. <u>Other Updates:</u> None
 <u>EDC Goals for 2022-2023:</u> No Update



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6. <u>New Business:</u>

- a. EDC member **JR** stepped down from his position.
- b. Antionio's has reopened after the grease fire they experienced.
- c. Motion to appoint **JR** as the liaison for the Beacon Falls Farmer's Market and the EDC made by **DAP**, seconded by **DP**. All ayes.
- d. Clerk is to reach out to town planner, to coordinate a presentation of the current projects he is working on.
- e. There are two vacancies on the board.

7. <u>Grant News /Update/EDC Coordinator Update:</u> No Updates

8. <u>Payment of Bills:</u>

None

9. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:47 PM. DP/EM, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lauren A. Fennell *Clerk, EDC*